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(Photo by W. J. Lemke 1930)

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THIRTEEN YEARS OF FLASHBACK HAVE BEEN INDEXED

An Index of the first 13 volumes of Flashback (1951-1963 inclusive) has been published by the Washington County Historical Society. The Index was compiled by Deane G. Carter. Subjects are listed alphabetically, making it easy to locate the article in library or private files. Or in the bound volumes in our WCHS office.

As an example, under "Springdale" there are numerous references under such subheadings as Business Firms, Cemetery, College, History, Masonic Lodge, Military WW I, Mayors, Public Square, etc. Under the heading "Cemeteries" there are more than a hundred Washington County graveyards listed whose cemetery lists have been published in Flashback. Under "Post Offices" is a listing of all county post offices, together with month in which the history of the particular office was published and the page number on which it appears.

Family histories can easily be found by looking up the family name in this Index -- from Alexander and Atwood to Yates and Yoes.

Because of the time and work required to produce the Index, we find it necessary to charge $3 for a copy. It is mimeographed, 40 pages, and has an attractive printed cover. Only 100 copies were printed and advance reservations from libraries and individuals took nearly half that number. However, copies are still available and will be sent on receipt of your check for $3. Address: Secretary, Washington County Historical Society, Box 237, Fayetteville, Ark.

A personal note: -- I did not know until I read secretary Carter's "Index" that I had written 67 full-length articles for Flashback during the past 13 years. It was fun, of course, or I wouldn't have done it. But what really surprised me on reading the "Index" was the fact that, as editor, I had the support of many good writers and county historians. The "Index" shows that the following were among my most faithful contributors:

Thomas Rothrock, 21 articles
Tom Feathers, 15 articles
O. E. Williams, 12 articles
Rowena Gallaway, 11 articles
Ruth Holt Payne, 11 articles
Robert R. Logan, 10 articles
Bernice Karnes, 8 articles

Miss Gallaway and O.E.Williams are gone -- their typewriters stilled. But the others are invited to write an article for the next issue of Flashback, which we plan as an "All Member" number. The more contributors, the better.

W J Lemke, editor

WCHS NEWS AND NOTES

Speaker at the annual meeting of the WCHS in Fayetteville Jan. 14 was Dr. John L. Ferguson, executive secretary of the Arkansas History Commission, Old State House, Little Rock. His subject: "Arkansas History: Main Stream or Tributary." Our vice-president, Roy A. Scott presided and presented the Society's "Distinguished Citizen" citation to Admiral Powell Rhea. Officers gave their annual reports. Dr. Davis P. Richardson was elected president of WCHS for 1964.

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A. J. Black of Tulsa, who has held membership in our Society for ten years or longer, was recently elected president of the Tulsa County Historical Society, succeeding W. E. "Dode" McIntosh. Mr. Black is a Civil War "buff" and has visited our WCHS office.

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Our Society has been invited to send participants for a panel discussion on county history, to the annual meeting of the state historical society at Jonesboro in May. We have accepted the invitation and will be glad to tell other county societies of our experiences.

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Ernie Deane, the roving "Traveler" reporter of the Arkansas Gazette, visited our office in December where he learned of the unique home that Bob Combs is building in the Combs Chapel community just south of Fayetteville. Deane drove out there and published an excellent account of the house, which contains much lumber and cabinet work from several historic houses in Fayetteville, including the Arkansas Building on Mt Nord and the Mayes, Wade, Baum and other old homes.

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Our Society received an invitation to attend the dedication of the historic Chidester House in Camden on Feb. 9. We were unable to send representatives. But Margaret Smith Ross of the Arkansas Gazette was the speaker on this occasion. Mrs.Ross is a member and old-time friend of the WCHS and has visited many of the historic spots in our county.

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A number of articles have been crowded out of this issue of Flashback by the first installment of the Baptist Association history. However, we think this church history is so important (100 years of it) that we are holding other articles for future publication.

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A recent visitor to our WCHS office was Dr. Robert A Leflar who is a long-time member of our Society. Purpose of his call was to tell us that the University will publish a Centennial history in 1971, on the occasion of the institution's 100th birthday. Dr. Leflar is to prepare the book and asked for our Society's help in gathering information and photographs. Old letters and records are especially desired. A similar request for information has been made by the University Alumni Association. FLASHBACK has, of course, published much source material pertaining to the University. Our newly published Index shows 20 full-length articles, ranging from "Campus Land Acquisition" (from the original deeds) to the history of the "Infirmary Association 1895-1908".

W J Lemke, editor

THE U. OF A.'S JOHN C. FUTRALL

by Thomas Rothrock

John Clinton Futrall, the son of Thomas A. and Emma Headen Futrall, was born near Jackson, Tenn., March 9, 1873, one of seven children. The parents were natives of North Carolina. Thomas Futrall served four years as a Confederate soldier, was severely wounded in the Second Battle of the Wilderness and surrendered with Lee at Appomattox.

After the Civil War the Thomas Futralls moved to Jackson, Tenn., and then, when John was aged eleven, to Marianna, Ark.,where John received his public school education. In 1888 John entered the Arkansas Industrial University at Fayetteville. On the freshman class list of that fall appear two names together:

Duke, Annie -- Scientific
Futrall, J. C. -- Classical

On the night of May 29, 1890, the Xi Chapter of Kappa Sigma was established as the first Greek letter fraternity at Arkansas Industrial University. There were three charter members: John C. Futrall, W. A. Crawford and C. C. Miller. An alumnus of Omicron Chapter of Emory and Henry College of Virginia who was residing in Fayetteville, Dr.Charles Richardson, officiated.

Now Thomas Futrall himself was an educator who served on the University Board of Trustees (1897-1900) and was awarded an honorary LL.D. degree by the University in 1900. He wished his son, John, to have the best education possible and being adamant about him attending any college in the North, sent him to the University of Virginia in 1890, which school he considered as good as any anywhere. John had to largely work his way, though, by tutoring students with more money than ambition. In 1894 he graduated with both Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees.

In July of that year he came back to the University at Fayetteville as a professor of Latin to devote the remainder of his life to the institution. He did,though, leave for a time at the close of the century for advanced studies at the University of Chicago, Johns Hopkins University and the Universities of Bonn and Halle in Germany.

In the autumn of 1894 the Arkansas Industrial University's first football team was organized with John Futrall as manager and coach and Wright Lindsey of Little Rock as captain. Three out-of-town teams were played, with two wins and a loss to the University of Texas at Austin.

To appreciate some of the difficulties encountered by a football team in those far-off days we will go to "The Ozark" of November 1899, a publication of the Mathetian and Garland Literary Societies. According to an account given here the team traveled by hack and by foot (through rain) and, after being ferried across the Arkansas River on a raft, they arrived at "Muscogee, I.T." where they played Henry Kendall College in a downpour of rain. Score 0 - 0. Immediately after the game the Arkansas team took train for Shawnee where they played Oklahoma University. Let us quote briefly from the article:

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"The game at Shawnee was played at Kickapoo Park, Saturday afternoon, October 28. Although our men were here out-weighed about 43 pounds to the man, at the end of the first half the game stood 5 - 0 for U of A, the University of Oklahoma having lost the ball every time on "downs". But our men were exhuasted on account of the previous game and the exposure of the trip, and at the end of the second half the score stood 5 - 11 in favor of the Oklahoma team."

Coming to the Arkansas Industrial University in July 1894 as a professor of Latin, John Futrall was made head of the Department of Ancient Languages less than a year later. Here he moved ahead as rapidly as conditions permitted, stressing the life and literature of the people rather than dead forms of the languages. Within a few years he had increased the department's library from practically nothing to some 500 volumes containing not only the works of ancient authors but also books and periodicals on classical literature.

A pleasing sight of the "Gay Nineties" was that of a handsome young college professor riding a spirited black horse up College Avenue in Fayetteville and "parking" near a certain house wherein dwelt a pretty young woman. The Duke home was one of the best, the family an old Fayetteville family, and their business was that of jewelers.

June 15, 1898 the two whose names had appeared together in the freshman class list of 1888 were united in marriage. Through the years Annie Duke Futrall proved of great value to her husband. She managed well the numerous and necessary social functions and she put forth every effort to keep tensions arising from her husband's career out of the home. Two of their three children are living: Mrs D. B. Stough of Hot Springs; Mrs. J. K. Donaldson of Little Rock. Both married physicians.

Mrs. Futrall still lives at the old Duke home on College Avenue. On Sunday, March 3, 1963 the Annie D. Futrall Hall, a dormitory for girls at the University of Arkansas, was dedicated and on Sunday, May 26, 1963 Mrs. Futrall had conferred upon her the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Washington County Historical Society.

On March 8, 1899 the Arkansas Industrial University became the University of A rkansas. In 1905 a Missouri native, John N. Tillman, became the first alumnus to serve as president and also the first born west of the Mississippi River. With him began a new era at the University of Arkansas as former students took control of administration.

In the faculty minutes dated October 15, 1909 we find the following item: "A committee of seven was appointed by the president to report on November 5 as to the advisability of establishing a summer school, and to present a plan for organization. Committee: Professors Futrall, Marinoni, Wannamaker, Purdue, Carroll, Reynolds, Johnson."

In the 1909-1910 catalogue appears this announcement: "The first summer session of the University will open on June 13, 1910 and close July 23. The curriculum will consist of courses of grammar school, high school, and college grade, together with professional courses." Attendance that summer was 98.

President Tillman voluntarily retired at the end of the 1911-1912 school year and the Board of Trustees named Professors Droke, Carroll and Gladson from the faculty to help select another president. Chancellor J. H. Kirkland of Vanderbilt University was tendered the office but refused it due to the financial condition of the University of Arkansas at the time.

A report of the Board of Trustees written early in 1913 states in part: "Salaries are shamefully low. As a result the University loses strong men every year. Arkansas for the past six years has been spending on her university about 8 cents per capita, or 40 cents for an average family. Forty cents happens to be the present price of a dozen eggs. Is it not possible for the State to rob another hen's nest in the interest of higher education?"

With the refusal of Chancellor Kirkland of Vanderbilt, Professor J H Reynolds of the University's Department of History was elected Acting President. On April 25, 1913 Chancellor Kirkland was again offered the presidency of the University of Arkansas and again refused it. At this juncture Acting President Reynolds was, for a second time, offered the presidency of Hendrix College. He accepted and returned to his Alma Mater.

On June 10, 1913 the Board of Trustees elected John Clinton Futrall Acting President and the University began a tedious but definite era of intellectual and material expansion. The financial situation of the time, though, is clearly indicated by resolutions passed by the Board: "That no expenditures from the student labor or general funds be allowed without authority from the President previously obtained." "That for the present or until further notice the Auditor of the University be instructed not to approve requisitions except for matters of absolute necessity." "The President is directed to cut down the amount to be paid to student assistants in the Library to the sum of $30 per month -- provided that this may be paid to three students at $10 each, or five students at $6 each." "That the Auditor be authorized to borrow such funds as may be needed for running expenses at the University."

Just previous to John Futrall's election as Acting President the Board had emphatically stated that "under the existing conditions the selection of a President from outside the State is imperative." Less than a year later, however, on March 6, 1914 the Acting President was unanimously elected President.

The selection, though, did not meet the approval of the entire faculty, for a petition with the signatures of several professors was presented to the Board, asking for a president from outside the State. The signers were called to John Futrall's office one by one and told, "If you wish to remain on the faculty of the University and work with the President, the President will certainly work with you," -- an action that revealed a good spirit indeed.

That the school's financial situation was still bad was revealed by the fact that the President and Auditor were given the authority "to borrow from the banks of Fayetteville for the University enough money to pay student labor vouchers in cash." However, the President's chair

was syrengthened by the Board of Trustees as follows: "Resolved, that it is the policy of this Board that the President of the University be given the sole right of nominations to all positions in the University and that without his recommendation,no changes or appointments be made".

The year that the United States entered World War I (1917) witnessed the passage of Act 118 by the A rkansas General Assembly, whereby a millage property tax for state educational institutions was establiahhed, by which the University received annually four-ninths of one mill from all real and personal property taxes in the State. Governor Chas. H. Brough, a former member of the University faculty, strongly supported this act.

World War I brought added burdens to the President. The Student Army Training Corps changed the campus into an Army post. "The "flu" brought grave illness to scores of students and death to fourteen -- and, except for the volunteer help of Fayetteville's women, the number of deaths would have been considerably greater. Under such conditions normal college organization was impossible.

November 11, 1918 brought temporary peace to the world but did not halt the strife which had developed on the campus of the University of Arkansas. "The X-Ray", a secret publication appeared attacking the University's administration and critical signs were painted on sidewalks. The answer to the attack was the overwhelming support of the faculty, the senior class, the business and professional men of Fayetteville, and the Board of Trustees.

The following year saw another attack on the University's administration for alleged "failure" to cooperate sufficiently with Agriculture Extension work. To this attack the Board of Trustees unanimously declared, "The University has progressed more in Agricultural work under the leadership of President Futrall than any other similar state institution." This was true, for although a classical scholar, John Futrall knew Arkansas to be an agricultural state and he supported Agricultural Extension work accodingly.

Despite some unrest the University continued to develop. The salaries of the President and members of the faculty were raised and in 1921 by Act 492 the University's tax money was increased to one mill.

At the "Golden Anniversary" celebration in 1922 the Board of Trustees on behalf of the "whole State of Arkansas" expressed "to the President of this institution our confidence and likewise our appreciation of the invaluable service rendered by him during the course of his administration." The pleasure of the celebration was marred by a notice from the state comptroller that, due to the decrease in taxable values in the State, the University would not receive the expected funds.

About the time of the semi-centennial the University was placed on the approved list by the Association of American Universities, a distinction accorded to only nineteen of two hundred Southern institutions of the time. Following the semi-centennial came the last and strongest effort to take the University from Fayetteville.

A bill to remove the Departments of Agriculture and Engineering to the State Agricultural School at Russellville was beaten and a following attempt to remove the entire University to Little Rock was also defeated. Two years later and for the first time in two decades, the General Assembly authorized the construction of two new buildings at the University -- the beautiful white limestone Agriculture and Engineering buildings.

The Legislature of 1931 placed a one-cent tax on a package of 20 cigarettes, one-half to be used for additional buildings at theUniversity which was to sell one million dollars in bonds to be repaid by money from this tax. Immediately plans were made for three new buildings; a library and a chemistry building at Fayetteville; a medical school building at Little Rock.

But the "Great Depression" was on and no bonds could be sold. Staff salaries were reduced and the University's budget was cut. At that the Board of Trustees reserved "the right, at any time within the fiscal year, to revise or readjust all budgets so as to bring them within the income of the University."

But, as the old and true saying goes, "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." September 1933 President Futrall and Treasurer TC Carlson presented an application to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for the construction of the library and chemistry buildings at Fayetteville and the medical building in Little Rock and the application was approved.

July 30, 1934 ground-breaking ceremonies were held in both Fayetteville and Little Rock. Marion Wasson of Fayetteville, chairman of the Building Committee of the Board of Trustees, declared, "We are ready to go to work." With Federal aid, other buildings followed: the Field House and Razorback Hall, the stadium and a practice field, the Student Union, a classroom building and a Home Economics building.

October 8, 1938 was a lovely autumn day. In the morning President Futrall addressed an assembly in the field house and from his address the following words are taken: "The University of Arkansas has come a long way since that bleak day in January 1872, when the institution, whose physical plant consisted of one small frame building, opened its doors with an enrollment of seven students. On October 1 this year the student enrollment on the campus at Fayetteville reached 2,319. The total number of members of the staff in all divisions combined is more than 800." It could have been added that the first staff was 4 persons.

October 8, 1938 was a lovely autumn day. In the afternoon the Razorbacks played their first football game in the new stadium, losing to the Baylor Bears 6 to 9. Even far-sighted John Futrall could not see that the athletic plant of 1938 would soon be outgrown, for in that morning address he stated: "A beautiful new steel and concrete stadium with a seating capacity sufficient for years to come, will be dedicated this afternoon."

While returning from Little Rock on business connected with the School of Medicine, JohnClinton Futrall met instant death in a traffic accident on US Highway 71 near West Fork. It was late afternoon, Tuesday, September 12, 1939.

In life, honors had come to him: a Doctor of Laws degree by Tulane University in 1920; a similar degree by the University of New Mexico in 1926. In 1925-26 he served as president of the National Association of State Universities and in 1932-33 of Land Grant Colleges and Universities.

In death his loss was keenly felt. From the Board of Trustees came these words: "The University has lost its great benefactor and friend and its great builder." From the University Senate: "Members of the University Senate have lost a friend who calmly, reasonably and objectively, by advice and example, inspired each of us to give his best to the University and all that it stands for."

As one enters the University Library, there is a bronze tablet with President Futrall's likeness and beneath it these words written by Miss Jobelle Holcombe '98:

JOHN CLINTON FUTRALL
President of the University 1913 - 1939
Professor of Latin and Greek 1894 - 1913
Dedicated by the Alumni 1940

His vision, devotion and patience created a greater University, respected throughout the nation. His honest and intelligent convictions inspired rare confidence, and his fame and influence will long endure.

What about the educator and administrator, John C. Futrall? He organized the University of Arkansas into schools and colleges; employed the first registrar, the first business manager, the first trained superintendent of buildings and grounds, the first dean of men. His careful selection of deans gave him men of ability who helped materially with the University's development. His encouragement of professors and instructors to take advanced work improved the faculty.

During his administration the general library increased in volumes from 15,000 to 200,000. As much as anything else, the strengthening of the libraries (both general and departmental) was responsible for the installation of Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in 1932.

Money for the operation of the University is voted biennially by the General Assembly and President Futrall spent from two to three months in Little Rock whenever the Legislature was in session. Special political and business interests and short-sighted legislators caused him no end of grief.

What about the man, John C. Futrall? Physically, he was of average height and sturdily built. He loved athletics; was a pitcher on the first baseball team Marianna had; coached the University's first football team; as chairman of the athletic committee helped organize the Southwest Conference, helped write its eligibility rules and made every effort to see that his school abided by those rules. He loved to fish; hunted ducks in Arkansas' rice belt and elk in Wyoming's Jackson Hole.

He was a family man. At the dedication of the new chemistry building his granddaughter darted away from her mother and ran onto the platform where her grandfather and other dignitaries were seated. Rather than scold the child, President Futrall held her in his lap throughout the ceremony.

Leading too busy a life to do extensive reading of literature, his tastes did run to works which had survived the test of time. Among his favorite poems were Gray's "Elegy"; Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar"; Longfellow's "Psalm of Life."

He was a Methodist, a Rotarian, a Democrat, his political idols being Joseph T. Robinson and Woodrow Wilson.

Not a talkative person, he yet was an effective public speaker. Never relying on gossip or hearsay, he always demanded of those who came to him with a report of "they say", "Just who are 'they' and what do 'they' know?"

He had a sense of humor. Men being initiated into fraternities brought him their paddles to have "Prexy" use the paddles on them and then sign his name on the paddles -- ceremonies that "Prexy" thoroughly enjoyed.

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What is a University?

A place where men and women of all ranks and conditions of society may come to partake of knowledge, in the discovery and conservation of which the universities have for centuries had a primary part; a place for the gathering of individuals aflame with the desire to extend the boundaries of natural science, or to search deep into the humanities as a means of furthering the happiness and well-being of the race; a place where the technique of the professions may be learned and high character developed; a place where prevail freedom of thought and the right to speak the truth.

These are our ideals for the University of Arkansas.

John C. Futrall

ADVICE FROM MR. EARLE

R. M. Buchanan of Wexford, Pa., member of our Society, sent us a copy of a letter that he found in his father's trunk:

W. H. Buchanan, Clovis, N.M. 7/7/'24

I have thought several times I would write you about the children. Your children are fine and did well in school and you ought to be proud of them. Now the thing I want to say to you is this, that you make every effort possible to send all of them back next year. In the long run it will pay better to keep all of them in school until they finish if you can possibly do it. It would be better to borrow $1000 each year on your farm, even if you have to sell it to pay out, and put it into their education, because when they complete their education they will be able to earn so much more that they will soon make it back. The complete education would be worth in dollars and cents to them more than the value of the farm in case you should save it for them. Please think this over and write me what you think of it.

Yours truly, F. Earle

R.M.Buchanan adds this note: "Being one of the children referred to above, I was quite impressed when I found this letter. You may use it in Flashback if you wish."

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CAPTAIN CARNAHAN THANKS JUDGE WALKER

(Editor's note: The original of the letter below is in the collection of Walker correspondence, which is in the keeping of Wythe Walker, 347 Madison Ave., New York. He is a great-grandson of (Judge) David Walker to whom the letter is addressed. The writer of the letter was J.P.Carnahan of Boonsboro (Cane Hill) where he was a professor in the Cane Hill College. He had served as Captain in the Confederate Army during the late war. Later he was a candidate for Governor of Arkansas on the Populist ticket.

(It is not clear where Captain Carnahan delivered the address mentioned in the letter. It is obvious, however, that he was speaking against legalizing the railrod and other bonds which the Reconstruction legislature had saddled on the people of Arkansas.

(Judge David Walker had three times served as Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court.He had lost a son (Capt. J. Wythe Walker, killed at Jenkins Ferry) in the war and had himself held a Colonel's commission in the Adjt. General's department of the Confederate army. Several of Judge Walker's grandchildren attended Cane Hill College. Captain Carnahan's granddaughter, Mrs. Susan Carnahan Cruse, lives on Apple Hill, west of Prairie Grove. -- WJL)

Boonsboro June 17th 1877

Judge D. Walker

I received your kind letter yesterday; and you cannot realize how proud I am that I am complimented by you who would not upon any account flatter me unless it was deserved; it is to me no small matter to possess the esteem and friendship of the first men of my state and it shall always be my highest aim to deserve it.

The day on which it (the address) was delivered was a very windy and boisterous day; and when I took my seat I was under the impression that it was a failure.

I am rejoiced to see the decision referred to in your letter, have always believed that when overhauled by honest scrutiny, that those immense thefts would of their own enormity fall to nothing; I have the utmost confidence in the justice, legality and integrity of the decision. Those thieving scoundrels had not the patience to observe the laws that they themselves made to legalize their plunder of our people. Their greedy haste betrayed them. May the day soon come when all their rascality will be overhauled by honest hands; and I now predict that much more of their rascality will come to grief as have the above referred-to bonds.

In conclusion, permit me to say that I have never been other than your firm friend, nor do I ever expect to be, knowing as I do your interest in, and your labor for, the common good; and permit me again to express the honest pride I feel in knowing that I have secured your esteem and friendship.

Excuse also my neglect in not answering a kind letter which I received from Little Rock. This is with us a busy week. Our school closes on Friday. With many regards I remain

Very respectfully

J. P. Carnahan

BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

by W. J. Lemke

Mrs. Lee Gregg of Springdale, who is a long-time member of our historical society, has loaned us the use of her remarkable collection of "Minutes" of the annual meeting of the various Baptist Associations in northwest Arkansas during the past century. The collection contains 101 booklets in fine condition, plus much other Baptist material. The earliest report is that of the short-lived Fayetteville United Baptist Association in 1860. The first post-war Association was the North-Western Arkansas Missionary Baptist Association of 1866.

Beginning with 1868 the collection is almost complete, including the Minutes of the Bentonville Baptist Association (in which the Washington County churches held membership from 1868 to 1888.)

The Fayetteville Baptist Association (32 booklets) covers the period from 1885 to 1918. The Washington County Baptist Association operated from 1918 to 1940, although there are seven reports for a Washington Association from 1880 to 1900. The Washington-Madison County Baptist Association came into being in 1941 and is represented by a complete file from 1941 to 1959.

There were other Baptist A ssociations functioning from time to time. The collection contains the report of the Springtown Association meeting in 1881, the Madison County Association in 1923,and the East Washington County Association in 1923. There are also six copies of the annual Associational Meeting of the Old Path Association (1868, 1869, 1870, 1872, 1881, 1882), composed chiefly of Missouri churches but to which several northwest Arkansas churches belonged.

Because of space limitations we can only publish excerpts from these rare old reports. The church statistics alone (pastors, membership, finances, etc.) would fill several volumes. We have therefore selected typical reports, including lists of pastors, membership figures, new churches, committee reports, most of them from the early days. It was rough going for many years, when the Association heard a report each year from its "Destitute Committee" and marked out various areas in Washington and Benton counties as "destitute areas", Meaning no pastoral workers were available.

Present-day readers will wonder at the devotion of the early preachers, many of whom served churches that were miles apart (at $20 a year) in order to eke out a living. And the custom of bringing in a high-pressure "Home Missionary" from outside was a common one. The reports of these Missionaries show the number of sermons preached, the number of prayers prayed, and occasional baptisms, but never showed any substantial amount collected.

I have read these 101 Baptist Association reports from "kiver to kiver" and have acquired new respect for the pioneer preachers and laymen. The owner of this remarkable collection is a granddaughter of A. H. Searcy, who was for many years a Baptist leader in northwest Arkansas. It is a pleasure to record that this granddaughter, Mrs. Gregg, and A.H.Searcy's grandson, L.W.Searcy, both of Springdale, are members of our Society and they remember their pioneer ancestry.

THE SPRINGDALE CHURCH

(Editor's note: In the January 1964 issue of Flashback, we published a list of the persons who contributed to the building of the Springdale Primitive Baptist Church. This list was among the papers of the late Jo Holcomb. As we noted in our article, this 2-story frame church building is still standing. One of our WCHS members, L. W. Searcy of Springdale, whose grandfather was active in the organization of the church, sends us the following account of the beginning of the Springdale Baptist Church:

("It was on Saturday before the third Sunday in February in the year 1870 (Feb. 19) that a small band of Christians met to organize the Liberty Baptist Church. A committee was appointed to select a site for a church house. This committee reported at the August meeting and A. Lynch, W. C. Lichlyter and Wm. A. Hunter were appointed as a committee to solicit subscriptions for building a church house. The meetings at this time were held in a small building situated a short distance northwest of the old Baptist church. In July 1871 the church agreed to cooperate with the Methodist and Primitive Baptist churches in erecting a place of worship, the Masonic Lodge to build and furnish the second floor. The Primitive Baptists were to build half and the other two churches a fourth each. W.M.Blakely was appointed asa committee on the building and WM. A. Hunter as trustee. From the best information available, it seems this building was completed in 1872. At the regular meeting in December 1886 it was voted to change the name from Liberty to Springdale Church.")

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We begin our digests of the Baptist Association"Minutes" on the next page, starting with the oldest record, that of the Fayetteville United Baptist Association of 1860. This is followed by the report of the North-Western Arkansas Missionary Baptist Association of 1866. Then,in order, come the following:

Bentonville Baptist A ssociation, 1868 to 1888 inclusive
Fayetteville Baptist Association, 1885 to 1917 inclusive
Washington County Baptist Association, 1918 to 1940 inclusive
Washington-Madison County Baptist Association, 1941 to 1959 inclusive

We are also publishing the "Minutes" of several other Baptist Associations, most of which had only a brief existence. Under the heading "Miscellany" we are publishing excerpts from several Baptist State Convention reports and other material that is not directly concerned with Washington County history. Mrs. Gregg's collection contains some fine examples of old-time "tracts" and other Baptist promotional material. The only thing missing is pictures. There are no pictures in the pioneer records, either of church buildings or of preachers.

We thank the grandchildren of A. H. Searcy (Mrs. Lee Gregg and L.W. Searcy) for preserving these old records and for permitting FLASHBACK to publish them. Some bright history student could parlay this material into a Ph.D. degree.

-- WJL

1860

Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Session of the FAYETTEVILLE UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION held with Salem Church, Crawford County, Ark. commencing on the 5th of October, 1860

William E. Smith, Printer - Arkansian Office, Fayetteville, Arks., 1861

MINUTES, Friday October 5, 1860

The Association convened in the Meeting House of Salem Church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. B. VanHorne: "If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you."

The Association was called to order by Elder T.B.VanHorne, Moderator, when letters from the different Churches were presented and read, and the names of Delegates enrolled.

Big Creek, Philadelphia, Brush Creek (Scott Co.), Zoar and SugarCreek Churches presented letters soliciting membership, which were severally read and the Churches admitted, and the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship to their Delegates.

Elder T. VanHorne was re-elected Moderator and John Mayes, Clerk.
(Editor's note: Both of these men were from Fayetteville. VanHorne was the founder and head of the Fayetteville Female Institute, a frame 2-story-and-cupola building that stood at the corner of College and Dickson where the First Baptist Church now stands. John Mayes is generally recognized as the founder of the Baptist denomination in Fayetteville.)

Received a letter of correspondence from the Southern Cherokee Association by the hands of J. Owens. Appointed a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of J. Sanders, E. Smith, B. F. Boone. Appointed a Financial Committee consisting of J. Reed and T. Robinson. Appointed a Committee on Preaching consisting of H. A. King, C. Harris and C. Baker.

Saturday Morning - Oct. 6

Appointed T.B.VanHorne, W.B.Johnson and John Mayes Corresponding Delegates to Mount Zion; S.B.Ford, J.Sanders and J.Lynch, to Pleasant Hill; B.F.Boone to write to Dardanelle; T.B.VanHorne, W.B.Johnson and J. Reed, to Spring River; T. Gulley, J. Reed, R. Price, W.B.Johnson, C. Jones and J. Sanders, to Southern Cherokee Association.

Appointed B.F.Boone to write to the Baptist State Convention, and appropriated the sum of ten dollars to be sent to Bro.Trawick, Agent, to secure an endowment fund for Ark Baptist College, to assist in defraying his expenses.

The Delegates to Mount Zion were instructed to propose a union with said Association, under the name of the North Western Arkansas United Baptist Association. Said union was effected by substituting "Missionary" in the place of "United."

Appointed J.Sanders, J.Reed, A.H.Searcy and H.A.King a committee to draft resolutions relative to the traveling and funeral expenses of Bro. William Cate, and present the same to the Association at evening session.

Appointed John Mayes, Clerk, to superintend the printing and distribution of 700 copies of these Minutes, and he is allowed the sum of five dollars for his services.

Appointed our next Association to be held with Antioch Church, Benton County, Ark., commencing on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1861, A M. Vaughan to preach the Introductory Sermon and T.B.VanHorne, alternate.

Mount Pleasant, Concord, Zoar, Salem, Brush Creek, Big Creek, Sugar Creek and Philadelphia churches were dismissed at request of their delegates.

Resolutions and Reports

1. Resolved, that one Delegate from each Church of the Association be appointed to collect such amount of Money from his Church as he may be able to, for the purpose of defraying the traveling and funeral expenses of Bro. William Cate, late Missionary of this Association, who departed this life March 3rd, 1860.

2. Resolved, that the Association feel to mourn deeply, the loss of Bro. William Cate, who left his home in Tennessee, and came to preach and labor as Missionary for this Association; but before entering upon his mission, was called to his reward above.

3. Resolved, that we regret exceedingly that some brethren and friends of Bro. Cate in Tennesses, have felt authorized to impugn the motives of our esteemdd Clerk, Bro. John Mayes; as we know, in this matter and all others, that he is above reproach.

4. Resolved, that we fully endorse the objects and action of the Naptist State Convention, and especially their action in appointing an agent to raise an Endowment Fund for establishing a Baptist University in our State.

5. Resolved, that we recommend Fayetteville as a suitable place to establish a Baptist Book Store; and that we would rejoice to see one established there.

6. Resolved, that we highly approve of the course of the Editors of the "Arkansas Baptist" in conducting that paper; and that our anticipations have been fully realized, and that we not only endorse the "Arkansas Baptist" but reommend that each member of the Association contribute all in his power to increase the circulation of the same.

Ministers' Names and Post-Office

T. B. VanHorne, J. Cullander, J. Mayes	Fayetteville
C. H. Bootright, A. J. Vaughan, Z. M. Vaughan.	Little Spring
T. Gulley, H A. King, William Branson.	Van Buren
S. B. Ford	Two Mills
W. B. Johnson.	Bloomington
R. Jones, R. James	Boone's Grove
R. Elkins	Lee's Creek
W. Bunch, J. W. Campbell	Breckinridge
C. Jones	Van Buren
J A. Land, A. Fitzgerald	Brownsville
Daniel Howery	West Fork
J. Chastain	"Not Known)

Finance Committee (F. Roberson, J. Reed,) reported receipts of $71.37, including $37.57 for Missionary Fund.

FAYETTEVILLE UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1860
Table exhibiting the condition of the different churches

Churches	Names of Delegates	Membership
Mount Pleasant	J. Burnett	5
Salem	W. Branson, H. A. King, R. Snow	37
Stanley's Branch	S. B. Ford, J. Lynch	39
Concord	S. Shockley, R. Price	73
Mount Vernon	C. Cosby	41
Vineyard	E. Smith	7
Friendship	J. Reed, C. Baker, A. H. Searcy	42
Pleasant Grove	W B Johnson	80
Valley Grove	B. F. Boone, C. Harris	16
Fayetteville	T. B. VanHorne, J. Mayes	43
Huntsville	Letter. No delegate	50
Brush Creek	J. Sanders	73
Mount Zion	M. D. Lewis, T. Roberson	78
Flint Creek	No delegate. Aggregate of last year.	25
Union	No delegate. Aggregate of last year.	46
New Hope	No delegate. Aggregate of last year.	13
Onion Creek	No delegate. Aggregate of last year.	14
Zoar	O. Jones, C. C. Johnson, R. Blevins	48
Sugar Creek	A. J. Lyster	20
Brush Creek (Scott Co.)	J. A. Land, J. S. Baker	19
Big Creek	N. Humphreys	22
Philadelphia	W. Bunch, J. W. Campbell	22

The Minutes of the
Third Anniversary Session of the
North Western Arkansas Missionary Baptist Association
on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1866

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MINUTES

Friday before the Lord's Day in October 1866, the North Western Arkansas Missionary Baptist Association met with the Friendship Church, Washington County, Arkansas.

Introductory sermon by A. J. Vaughan, from 1st Peter 2nd Chapter, 17th Verse "Love the Brotherhood."

Received petitionary letters from 2nd Brush Creek, 2nd New Porspect, Big Spring, and Spaminaw, soliciting membership, and was received, the hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

Elected Elder James Isaac, Moderator, and Elder John Mayes, Clerk.

The following committees were then appointed: Committee on Arrangements, A. Brown, J F Mitchell, C H Bootright, with the Moderator and Clerk.

on Finance -- T H Robertson, A L Thompson

on Divine Service - A H Searcy, H G Hartley, A Davidson, J M Manyes.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock, the Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Elder Mitchell.

On motion, agreed to open correspondence with a new Association south of the mountain, name not known; delegates J. Isaac, A Brown, A Davidson; and Dardanelle, by letter and clerk to write.

On motion, agreed to correspond with Pleasant Hill, Cherokee, and Muscogee Associations.

On motion, appointed Brethren J F Mitchell, A Brown and C H Bootright a committee on destitution.

On motion, appointed A J Vaughan, R L Baker and J Williams a committee on Sabbath Schools.

Appointed the next association to be held with the Pleasant Grove Church, Benton County, on Friday before the first Sabbath in October 1867.

Rules of order suspended for the purpose of appointing some one to preach missionary sermon on Sabbath. Appointed Elder James Isaac to preach missionary sermon, and J F Mitchell alternate.

On motion, appointed A Davidson, Jesse Tharp, J N Hayes, G D Putman, D H Williams, a committee to attend to the interest of the Association in the interim of the same, and to try to supply the destitute with the Gospel.

On motion, the Association recommends the churches to adopt some measures to effect a union with the regular Baptist Brethren, and report at our next Association.

On motion, appointed the following brethren (to-wit) James Isaac, John Mayes, A Brown, J F Mitchell delegates to attend the next association of the Regular Baptists to be held with the Shiloh Church in September 1867, to express our desire for a union with them, and report at our next association, and request them to send delegates to our association.

Resolved, that our committee be authorized to secure the labors of some Minister or Ministers to auuply the destitute, when they secure a support for him or them.

On motion, the Association request First Brush Creek and Huntsville Churches to enter on their respective church books the names of those members that went into the 2nd Brush Creek Church, dismissed by letter.

On motion, the delegates are requested to ask the churches to send a contribution to the next Association to purchase an associational book.

On motion, Resolved that the thanks of the Association be tendered to Friendship Church and vicinity, for their hospitality during our session.

John Mayes, Clerk — James Isaac, Moderator

Appendix A

We, your committee on destitution, report the east and southeast portion of Madison Co. and west and northwest portion of Benton Co. and the west portion of Washington Co. destitute; we therefore recommend the association to adopt some plan to supply this destitution, as requests are continually coming up for the preaching of the gospel among them.

J F Mitchell, Chairman

Appendix C

The Association held its third session after the consolidation of Fayetteville and Mount Zion association, with Friendship Church, under favorable auspices. Owing to the casualties of the war, the minutes of the second session held with Mount Vernon Church in 1862 was not published and her business was suspended until 1866.

SCALE OF THE CHURCHES (1866)

Churches	Pastors	Delegates	Membership
Antioch	A. Brown . . .	A.Brown, J Epperson	35
Valley Grove. . .	Blakely. . . .	R S Shields	15
Huntsville. . . .	A J Vaughan. .	S Phillips, H Harper, J Williams. .	28
New Prospect. . .		J F Carden	63
Pleasant Grove. .	Dinegan	J F Mitchell, R L Baker, J N Sharp.	97
Fayetteville. . .	J Isaac	J Isaac, J Mayes, A Davidson	47
Mt. Zion	Blakely . . .	T H Robertson, A L Thompson. . . .	58
12-Corner. . . .	Dunegan . . .	J N Hays, P Martin, P Hall.	
2nd Brush Creek .	C H Bootright.	CHBootright, WWood, TBohanan. . . .	22
2nd New Prospect.	J Mayes. . . .	J Tharp, JMWilliford, R Todd. . . .	
Big Spring . . .	B Mathis . . .	J H Hogan	
Elm Spring		W B Ritter	19
Friendship		A H Searcy, H G Hartley	30
1st Brush Creek .		A J Vaughan, R R Lane	28
Stanley Branch. .		Letter. No delegates.	7
Pond Spring . . .		G D Putnam, H Threat	10
Spavinaw	B Mathis. . . .	. . . . .	55

Minutes of the Mount Zion Association
held with Pond Spring Church,,
Benton County, Arkansas
on 12, 13, 14 October, 1860.

Resolved to unite with the Fayetteville Association, each body dropping the former name. That the united body be styled "The North-Western Arkansas Missionary Baptist AssociatioN." That the first meeting of the united body be held with Antioch Church, Benton County, in October 1861.

Churches:
Sugar Creek, Pond Spring, New Prospect, Elm Spring, Antioch, and Good Hope, with a total membership of 336.

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MINUTES of the
Fifth Annual Session of the
BENTONVILLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

held with the Spring Creek Church, Benton County, Ark.,
Friday, Oct 2d, 1868

Fayetteville, Ark
E. B & W. B. Moore - Printers

Minutes

2. Called for petitionary letters, and received Vineyard, Hopewell, New Hope, Fellowship, Bloomington, Mount Enterprise, West Fork, Sugar Hill, Round Prairie, Butler's Creek, Key Lodge, St.Paul and Richland, all newly constituted churches. The Moderator extended unto them the right hand of fellowship and invited them to seats.

3. Appointed C.S.Fritts and R.Putnam tellers, who reported Elder J. Dunagin duly elected Moderator and J.F.Mitchell, Clerk.

Sabbath

The stand was filled at 10 o'clock by Elder T R Ferguson who preached on the subject of Missions, after which a collection was taken up amounting to $18.85. At 12 o'clock, by Elder J.Dunagin, and at 3 o'clock by G. Bryant, followed by A.Brown who preached the funeral of sister Cavanis, and at candlelight by Elder J C Renfro, followed by W M Blakely. The congregation was large and attentive.

Appendix C

We, your committee on deceased ministers, beg leave to submit the following report. We have made diligent enquiry after the facts in reference to the life and death of those bold, fearless and persevering veterans of the Cross. We learn that Elder Wiley B. Johnson was born in Hawkins Co., East Tennessee, Oct 14th, 1816, professed religion and joined the Baptist Church when about 30 years of age, commenced preaching in a very short time, and was ordained by M Vaughan and A J Vaughn Nov 4th 1855 while a member of the Brush Creek Church and lived a diligent, pious and devoted member and Minister up to the day of his death.

It is with much sympathy and feelings of emotion, that we have to inform you that he came to his death by the hands of a band ofruffian, robbing, wilful and malicious murderers who were passing through this country purporting to belong to the Northern army. When they entered his house they commenced plundering and robbing the house, and ordered Brother Johnson to bring up his wagon and team, which he had to do; they then took such articles out of the house as they wanted and put them in his wagon; the balance was piled on the floor and burned in one general pile together with the house, his Bible excepted; when they were about to apply the torch Brother Johnson told them to please not to burn his Bible as that was his way-bill from earth to Heaven; they then gave him his Bible and ordered him to drive off his team, which they had loaded with his furniture; they then took him about one-half mile from home and hung him until dead; he was not found by his friends until the third day; he was then taken to the graveyard of the Pleasant Grove Church and interred, where his dust is now resting from toil and danger until God shall bid it rise.

Thus he departed this life on Nov. the 16th 1864, leaving a wife and seven children, one of which has since died and another of which is helpless.

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1868 (obituaries contd)

Obituary of John Chastain. Born Dec. 30, 1801. Commenced work of the ministry in 1830 in Raburn County, Georgia. Served in Georgia and North Carolina. Came to this country in the year 1851 where he continued his work in the Ministry up to the time of his death, with the exception of a few months spent in Texas. He departed this life on the 20th day of July 1862. He fell while engaged in a fight with a portion of the Northern army near the head of Flint Creek, leaving a wife and children.

Obituary of Elder Jacob Whitesides, who died Sept. 26, 1868.

Obituary of Elder C. H. Bootright, born 1797 in Virginia. Was ordained a Minister of the Gospel in Anderson County, Tennessee. Emigrated to Arkansas in 1850. He died in May 1867.

Committee: J. F. Mitchell, T. R. Ferguson, A. Brown

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Appendix D.

We your committee appointed at the last session of your body to visit the Washington Association of Regular Baptists, clothed with full power and authority to submit a plan or platform for the consummation of a Christian Union between the two bodies, ask leave to report that they have discharged that duty, etc. J. Dunagin, chairman

ANSWER to the above platform: We your committee on arrangements having carefully examined the platform of principles submitted to this body, by the committee from the Bentonville Baptist Association, expressing a desire for a Union with us, fail to find in them anything that would remove the cause that separated us; as the proposition to us on the Bible, with liberal constructions on all points of difference between us, is not sufficiently defined to warrant a Union in deed, but in word only etc.

John Holcombe B. Kester
Thos. Dodson A. J. Smith
Elder Wm. Mahuren, Chairman

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Some of the delegates at the 1868 Association:

Fayetteville: B. Putnam, H. Terrill, A. Davidson
Fellowship at Cane Hill: J J Moneyham, R A Rhodes
Hopewell: Isaac F Licklyter, W C Licklyter
Mt Vernon: Richard Oxford, S H Vernon
New Hope at Farmington: J A Black
New Prospect at Fayetteville: James L Mayes
Sugar Hill: E. Burket, J M Embry (Hembree ?)
St. Paul: A L Thompson, A J Sisemore
Vineyard: T Ferguson, T Kimbrough, J Vaughn
Valley Grove at Maguire's Store: W M Blakely, J H Webb, J F Hood
West Fork: J Crawford, M Ponter

1868 church statistics on next page.

STATISTICS as reported at the
Fifth Annual Session of the
BENTONVILLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
held with the Spring Creek Church,
Friday, October 2d, 1868

Churches	Pastor	Post Office	Membership
Antioch	A. Brown	B entonville	.53
Bentonville	J. Dunagin	Bentonville.	.53
Brush Creek	Z. M. Vaughn	Bentonville.	.50
Big Spring.	J F Mitchell	Hickory	.46
Bloomington	R L Baker	Bloomington.	.22
Butler's Creek.	J. Givins	Maysville.	.33
2nd Brush Creek		Little Spring	.73
Twelve Corner	R L Baker.	Pea Ridge.	.76
Fayetteville.	J. Mayes	Fayetteville	.68
Friendship.	G. Bryant.	Fayetteville	.49
Fellowship.	D. Thomason.	Cane Hill	.11
Flint Creek	J Whitesides	Hickory	.27
Hopewell	G Bryant	Fayetteville	.36
Honey Creek	J. Givins.	Maysville	.65
Key Lodge	J F Mitchell	Hico	.10
Mt. Vernon			110
Mt. Enterprise.	J M McGraw	Maysville.	.10
New Hope	John Mayes	Farmington	.14
New Prospect.	G P Rogers	Roler's Ridge.	117
2nd New Prospect.	John Mayes	Fayetteville	40
New Hope	Claborne Jones	Billingsley.	30
Pleasant Grove.	J F Mitchell	Bentonville.	97
Pond Spring.	J. Dunagin	Bentonville.	74
Round Prairie.	J F Mitchell	Double Spring.	9
Spavinaw	J F Mitchell		82
Spring Creek	R L Baker	Bloomington	59
Sugar Hill	J F Dobbs	Boonsborough	19
St.Paul	W M Blakely	St.Paul	29
Vineyard	T R Ferguson	Evansville.	36
Valley Grove	W M Blakely.	Maguire's Store.	52
West Fork.	J C Renfro		27
Richland (no letter)			

MINUTES of the
Bentonville Baptist Association
Sixth Annual Session
held with Mt. Vernon Church, Washington County, Arkansas
commencing Friday, October 1, 1869

Bentonville: Traveler Printing Office

Minutes:

Elder J. Dunagin elected Moderator and elder J W Sikes Clerk.

A petitionary letter from Peaceful Traveler Church in the Cherokee Nation, with reference to the trial and exclusion of Elder T R Ferguson by Vineyard Church, was presented, read and referred to the committee of arrangements.

Petitionary letter from Middle Fork Church, for membership, presented, read and received and the right hand of fellowship given to her Delegates.

On Query, from Mt.Enterprise Church, "Shall we be known as Missionary or United Baptists?" was taken up and it was recommended that the Churches comprising this Association designate themselves as "The Baptist Church."

Petitionary letter from White Oak Church. Received etc.

First district of this Association shall be composed of Antioch, Springtown, Butler's Creek, Honey Creek, Flint Creek, Mt.Enterprise, Spavanaugh, Round Prairie, Key Lodge and New Site.

Second district: Bentonville, Pleasant Grove, Bloomington, Pond Spring, Twelve Corner, New Prospect, Spring Creek and Friendship.

Third district: Huntsville, First Brush Creek, Second Brush Creek, White Oak, Valley Grove, St. Paul, Middle Fork, Mt. Zion, Second New Prospect, Mt. Vernon, West Fork and Richland.

Four district: Fayetteville, Hopewell, New Hope, Vineyard, Sugar Hill, Ephesus, Concord and Fellowship.

The Association, after this, shall go round to each district in turns.

J E Guthrie, chairman

1869

Church	Pastor	Delegates
Fayetteville.	Mayes	Mayes, Isaac and Davidson
Friendship	Bryant. . . .	Renfro, Hartley and Larey
Fellowship (Rhea's Mill) ..		No delegates
Hopewell	Renfro. . . .	Licklider
Mt. Vernon	Slaughter . . .	Boyd, Kain and Vernon
New Hope (Billingsley) . ..	Jones	Malicote
Mount Zion	Jones	Jones and Campbell
New Prospect	Jones	Rodger and Bayless
Spring Creek (ElmSpring) ..	Baker	Beard and Severs
Sugar Hill	Dobbs	Adair and Chambers
Vineyard		Kimbrough and Greer
Valley Grove (Maguire's) ..	Blakely	Blakely and Webb
West Fork		Peters, Woolsey and Crawford
White Oak	Blakely	Ross and Cooper
Ephesus (Farmington) . . .	Mayes	Hinson, Clayton and Martin
Middle Fork	Mayes	Robinson, Wilson and Mankin

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MINUTES of the
Bentonville Baptist Association
Seventh Annual Session
held with Honey Creek Church, Benton County, Arkansas
commencing Friday, Sept. 2, 1870

Elder R L Baker, Moderator and Elder J F Mitchell, Clerk

Petitionary letters called for and received, Baren Fork, Liberty, War Eagle, Mt. Pleasant, Corner Spring and Center Point, all newly constituted churches, and the right hand of fellowship extended to their delegates.

Forty-three churches in all, of which the following were in Washington County:

Church	PostOffice	Pastor	Delegates	Membership
Fayetteville	Fayetteville	Mayes	Mayes and Davidson	43
Friendship	"	Bryant	Renfro, Bryant, Ownbey	81
Mt.Vernon	"	Slaughter	Shepherd and Peck	126
Mt.Zion	"	Jones & Campbell	Jones	32
New Prospect	"	Mayes	Rogers and Tharp	30
Spring Creek	Elm Spring	Blakely	Brown and Ritter	64
Sugar Hill	Boonsborough	Dobbs	Hembree and Fulgham	29
Vineyard	"	McCurley		18
Valley Grove	Maguire's Store	Blakely	Hood and Shields	44
West Fork	West Fork	Renfro	Painter and Woolsey	23
White Oak	Jupiter	Ross	Ross	29
Barren Fork	Boonsborough		Hembree	10
Center Point	Fayetteville	Mayes	Mathews	30
Liberty	"	Putnam	Blakely and Meek	

Total membership in Association 1,630

MINUTES of the BENTONVILLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Eighth Annual Session
held with First New Prospect Church, Benton County, Arkansas
commencing Friday, Sept. 1, 1871

Arkansas Democrat Print 1871

R L Baker, Moderator, and J F Mitchell, Clerk

Called for petitionary letters and received Maysville, Prairie Creek, Hickory Creek, Farmington, Pleasant Valley and White River, all newly constituted churches.

Appointed corresponding messengers:
To Spring River Assn. - R L Baker, J A Williams, L Jones
To Dardanelle Assn. - J W Sikes, J C Renfro, John Robinson, O D Slaughter.
Agreed to open correspondence with the White River Missionary Baptist Association, to convene at Black Spring, 8 miles west of Berryville, in October and appointed G Bryant, A J Vaughan and Wm Blakely messengers.

Appointed R L Baker, J M McCraw, B Putnam, J F Mitchell, J Dunagin, Henry Hartley, G Bryant, P M Owenby, F H Lewis, J C Renfro, A Davidson and J W Sikes trustees of the Baptist College at Shiloh and on motion agreed to give the above named trustees authority to add to their number the name of any person they may deem fit.

Resolved that we earnestly recommend that the churches of this Association select a delegation to meet, on the 25th day of December next, with the Liberty Church, Washington Co. for the purpose of inaugurating the best means of promoting the interest of Sabbath Schools ; the delegation when convened to be known as a Sabbath School Convention.

Report of the Executive Board: We would report that your missionary, R L Baker, commenced work Sept. 10, has labored seven months and 8 days, traveled 1320 miles, delivered 184 sermons, 75 exhortations, visited 190 families, church visits 40, witnessed 45 conversions, baptised 31, sonstituted 2 churches, ordained 4 deacons, amount received from the Board and others $162.60, balance due $57.40 of which he hopes you will receive as a contribution for the cause of missions.
J F Duckworth, chairman Executive Board

Ordained Ministers and Their Post Offices:

R. L Baker, Bloomington
J W Sikes, Bentonville
J McCraw, Maysville
John Mayes, Fayetteville
J C Renfro, Fayetteville
G Bryant, Fayetteville
A Brown, Bentonville
M Tate, Osage Mills
F H Lewis, Osage Mills
E T Willingham, Osage Mills
John Givens, Givensville
James Isaac, Fayetteville
A J Vaughan, Little Spring
P Butnam, Fayetteville
Wm Blakely, Fayetteville

B O Coleman, StPaul
C J Lester, StPaul
Lewis Heath, PeaRidge
J A Williams, PeaRidge
W Rolan, Pea Ridge
JFMitchell, Springtown
J Estus, Hico
H Haley, Maysville
JHMcCurley, Sprgtown
E E Burket, VineyGrove
E A Mingues, DbleSpring
J Rees, Maysville
J Y Caudle, Faytville
R Jones, Fayetteville
J Campbell, Fayetteville
C Seeley, Beontonville

W Johnson, Bntnville
J Dunagin, Bntnville
A Webb, ElmSpring
JFDobbs, Boonsboro
C Williams, Cincinnati
H Haley, Maysville
WileyFoster, PeaRdge
L Jones, PeaRidge
W Slinker, WestFork
A Peters, WestFork
J Ross, Jupiter
ZTEaton, Hindsville
JF Ritter, StPaul
J Moore, Givensville
GPRogers, SugarCreek

MINUTES of the
Bentonville Baptist Association
held with First Brush Creek Church,
Washington Co., Ark.

Ninth Annual Session
commencing Friday before the 4th Sabbath of September 1872

"Cornerstone" Print 1872

J Dunagin, Moderator, and J W Sikes, Clerk

Pea Ridge and Walnut Spring churches petitioned for membership, and were accepted.

Elders J Dunagin, B Putnam and J W Sikes appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention of this State.

Report on Deceased Ministers --

Elder James Reese Sept 22, 1871 in Benton Co., Ark.
Brother J A Williams Jan 12, 1872 in Benton Co., Ark.

Report on Shiloh Institute:

We the Trustees of the Shiloh Institute, in accordance with your instruction, employed L R Barnes as principal, and J R Adams as assistant, to open and teach a school in Springdale, seven months, beginning the 11th of December 1871, paying the principal $700 and the assistant $448.

The average attendance was about 40 students, and paid about $2.50 per month or $700. The incidental expenses, about $12, leaving a balance unpaid of $460.

We are well satisfied with the instruction given and the advancement made. We have employed L R Barnes and Isaac Reed to conduct this school the next five years, paying them $2000 for the next ten months and after that they take the tuition as their salary.

We appointed H G Hartley, C Petross, W M Blakely and L R Barnes, as a locating committee, who selected a place on Dr B Putman's land, north of J W Phillips' residence. We also appointed H G Hartley, C Petross and B Putman a building committee, who made a contract with Lefler & Haney to build a brick house, 36 by 50 feet, two stories high, for $1800, and who also made a contract with Mayes and Son to do the carpenter work for $1900.

B Putman, vice president of
Board of Trustees

There were 30 churches in the Bentonville Association in 1872

MINUTES
of the Tenth Annual Session of theBentonville Baptist Association, held with Twelve Corners Church, Benton County, Ark., commencing on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in Sept. 1873.

Printed at the Office of "Western Baptist", Searcy, Ark., 1873.

J Dunagin, Moderator, and J W Sikes, Clerk

Received by letter and delegation, correspondence from Springtown Association -- delegates Elders John Givens and John Brim. Brothers James Hood and Alfred Davidson were received as corresponding delegates from Fayetteville Association. Elders E P Morris, WM M Seamster and J N Brooks were received as delegates of correspondence from Shoal Creek Association.

Appointed brethren Joel Ritter, J P Duckworth, R M Owenby and Elder L R Barnes to take steps to raise money to meet the debts of our College and report as soon as possible.

On motion, agreed to continue to represent ourselves in the Baptist State Convention and for that purpose selected Elders L Jones, J Dunagin, B Putman, J W Sikes and brethren J P Duckworth and Aaron Ritter to represent us.

... We hope that this Association will take immediate steps to place our school at Springdale on a more permanent basis by relieving the institution of the indebtedness now against it, by taking stock therein -- say one or more shares of fifty dollars each, to be paid by the first of July next.

B. Putman, chairman Committee on Education

Report of Trustees of Shiloh Baptist College:

We, your Board, would offer the following as our report: Having let the building by contract -- both the brick and wood work -- before the last meeting of your body, since which time the brick work has been completed and also most of the carpenter work done. None of the painting is done as yet but will be in a short time, as we have some paints on hand for the purpose. The glass is not in the sash yet; ye have the glass and putty at the railroad and a part of it will be put in next week. We have made no arrangement to have the plastering done. The school continued the last session, at which time there was a public examination. The school opened its third session on the first Monday in September, with a small number of students, but is increasing. As to indebtedness, we are not prepared to say what it is precisely; but it demands prompt, immediate and decisive action, or our reputation will suffer indeed.

L R Barnes, President Board of Trustees

The Statistical Table of the Association showed 16 churches, including Friendship (Springdale), Hopewell (Elm Springs), Hickory Creek (Springdale), Liberty (Springdale), Richland (Maguire's Store), Spring Creek, and Vineyard, all in Washington County.

MINUTES of the
Eleventh Annual Session of the Bentonville Baptist Assn.
held with
Bloomington Church, Benton County, Ark.
commencing Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September 1874

Elder J. Dunagin, Moderator, and J. W. Duckworth, Clerk

Elder L R Barnes and brothers H. G. Hartley, Joel Ritter, W. B. Cates and Samuel Cox were appointed a committee to devise means to relieve Shiloh College of indebtedness.
This committee reported as follows:

With the best lights before us that we can command -- by putting the number of members of the Bentonville Association at 990, Fayetteville at 700, and Springtown 500 -- you can see from these facts that we can easily pay the indebtedness if we will. We therefore recommend that you put this business into the hands of men who will act promptly and raise the means immediately. L. R. Barnes, chairman

Springdale, Ark., Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in November 1874:

Association met. Six churches represented. Weather very inclement. Former Moderator and Clerk being absent, Elder J.W.Sikes was elected Moderator, and brother H G Hartley, Clerk.
Business in regard to Shiloh College was resumed and reports called for from the appointees to collect means of paying debts of said college. Elder Sikes paid to the Treasurer of said College $5, collected for that purpose, and reported Pea Ridge church as pledged, when a sufficient amount should be raised, to pay her pro rata. Friendship by brother H. G. Hartley; Liberty, by Elder L. R. Barnes; Spring Creek, by brother Joel Ritter; Bentonville, by Brother J. F. Duckworth.

Tabular Statement shows 16 churches in the Association.

Friendship reported as follows: Newton pastor. G Bryant, A Davidson and H G Hartley delegates. Had 4 meeting days, 11 baptized, 18 received by letter, 10 "excluded"; 2 "restored"; 1 died; total membership 101.

Hopewell reported, Putman pastor; Samuel Cox, J Wright, J W McCoy delegates; 4 meeting days, 10 baptized, 2 received by letter, 2 excluded; 53 membership.

Liberty, Barnes pastor; John Lychliter, A Lynch, B Putman delegates; 3 meeting days, 2 recd by letter, 1 excluded, 1 died, membership 47

Richland (Maguire's Store), J C Cates and W W Warren delegates; 35 members.

Spring Creek (Elm Springs), Dunagin pastor. Joel Ritter and J L Beard delegates. 58 members.

Vineyard (Evansville), Estus pastor. G F Bernard and W C Keener delegates. This church paid its pastor $60 during 1873. Had 4 meeting days, 16 baptized, 12 received by letter, 2 died. Total membership 44.

MINUTES of the Twelfth Annual Assion of the Bentonville Baptist Association, held with Vineyard Church, Washington County, Arkansas, commencing Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September - 1875 -

(Sentinel Job Print - Fayetteville, Ark.)

L R Barnes, Moderator, and J W Duckworth, Clerk.

Received as Correspondents: from Fayetteville Association, brethren H H Albright, A M Kennon and H P Green; from Cherokee Baptist Association, brethren S W Lloid and G F Morris.

Resolved to dispense with all committees, except on Divine Service, Finance, and Education. Appointed brethren J D Goodman, J N Sharp and J Ritter a committee on Finance; on Education, Elders B Putman, J R Hall, W S Capps and S S Graham. Elders J Mayes and J Estus requested to aid said Committee.

Received report of special committee on indebtedness of Shiloh College, to-wit: "From the best information in our possession, the indebtedness of the Shiloh Institute is now about $3,500, with interest for one year. Since last Association there has been raised in notes and pledges, amounting to about $1,000. Your agent, A J Cox, has reported nothing, therefore we would recommend speedy action in behalf of this Institute, and that arrangements be made to take grain and stock at cash prices for this purpose.

B Putman, chairman "

Appointment of Agent and instruction to all churches the importance of paying said indebtedness and raising means for the liquidation of same and that the deacons of each church be requested to act in concert with said Agent. And further, that said Agent be instructed to take all kinds of marketable produce and stock. Appointed ELDER B. PUTMAN agent for Shiloh College.

Adopted the following resolution, to-wit: "In view of the fact that reports have gone out that the trustees of Shiloh Institute desire to repudiate or avoid the payment of the indebtedness incurred by said Institute, therefore resolved by this body that we have no desire to avoid the payment of said debts, but on the contrary are resolved to pay every dollar of said indebtedness as soon as possible."

The "Statistical Table" shows 17 churches in the Association, six of them in Washington County. Only ten churches were represented at the Association meeting at Vineyard Church.

The 1875 and 1877 reports, both printed by the Sentinel in Fayetteville, were only 4 pages each.

MINUTES of the Fourteenth Annual Session
of the Bentonville Baptist Association, held with
Friendship Church, Washington Co.,Ark.
commencing Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September 1877

(Fayetteville: Sentinel Job Print, 1877)

J. Dunagin, Moderator, and Elder S. S. Graham, Clerk.

Petitionary letters received from Southern Grove and Mt. Olive churches and enrolled delegates' names.

Association resolved that immediate steps to raise means to liquidate the indebtedness of Shiloh Institute, and further instructed the Board to put an agent in the field for that purpose.

The Statistical Table named 17 churches, as follows:

Church	PostOffice	Pastor	Membership
Bentonville	Bentonville	J R Hall	47
PleasantGrove	Bloomington	J R Hall	61
TwelveCorner	Avoca	J N Brooks	87
Liberty	Springdale	B. Putman	42
Friendship	Springdale	O D Slaughter	96
Vineyard	Evansville	A J Estis	69
Mount Olive	Bloomington	J McReynolds	18
SouthernGrove	Bloomington	S S Graham	13
Hickory Creek	Bloomington	S S Graham	24
New Prospect	Sugar Creek	G P Rogers	89
Richland	Wesley	G Bryant	20
Pea Ridge	Avoca	J Dunagin	42
Spring Creek	Elm Springs	B Putman	56
New Salem	Bentonville	J N Brooks	38
First BrushCreek	Spring Valley	A J Vaughan	60
Bloomington	Bloomington	S S Graham	41
Pleasant Hill	Avoca	J Dunagin	42

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSion of the Bentonville Baptist Association was held with Pea Ridge Church in September 1878.

Elder J. Dunagin was Moderator and Elder S S Graham, Clerk.

The Statistical Table names 17 churches.

Changes of Pastors: T P Boone at Liberty; J F Mitchell, Bloomington; Jas. Son at New Prospect; J T Boyd at Friendship; W M Mills at Spring Creek; and L Jones at New Salem

Friendship reported a membership of 83, Twelve Corner 82, Pleasant Grove 81, New Prospect 78, Vineyard 76. The total membership in the 15 churches was 799.

1879 -

Seventeenth Annual Session of the Bentonville Baptist Association held with Southern Grove Church, Benton County, September 1879. Elder J R Hall was the Moderator; Elder S S Graham Clerk. The Statistical Table shows 16 church, with Friendship the larges -- 110 members.

(Editor's note: Numbering of the annual sessions was changed. The 1880 report and succeeding ones are numbered from 40 up. It is not known how or why this change occurred. -- WJL)

1880 -

Fortieth annual session of the Bentonville Baptist Association held with Spring Creek Church, Benton County, September 1880. Moderator was Elder Jasper Dunagin and Clerk was H G Hartley. Received two petitionary letters, from Shady Grove, Washington County, and Mt. Pleasant, Mo. There were 17 churches in the Association, including Shady Grove (near Springdale) with 20 members and A Huckaby as pastor

1881 -

41st Annual Session of the Bentonville Baptist Association held with Liberty Church, Washington County, Ark. on Sept. 23-26, 1881. Elder J Dunagin was Moderator; S S Graham, Clerk. The Statistical Table shows 18 churches in this Association, of which the following are in Washington County: Shady Grove, Springdale, A Huckleby pastor; J B Vernon, clerk; Liberty, Springdale, W F Green pastor; A Kennon and B C Fitzgerald messengers; Friendship, Springdale, C P Tupper, pastor; J T Boyd and G Moneyhon messengers.

1883 -

43rd Annual Session of the Bentonville Baptist Association held with Pleasant Hill Church, Benton County, Sept. 21 to 24, 1883. Moderator was Elder J. Dunagin and F M Seamster was Clerk. Committee on Obituaries reported following deaths: Elder A J Vaughan, Wm Boyd, W C Phillips, J D Goodman, J W Threet, Eliza Atwood, T Perkins and May Threet. There were 17 churches in the Association, the largest being Pleasant Hill in Benton Co., 150; Spring Valley in Benton Co., 121; and Friendship in Washington Co., 110.

1885 -

46th Annual Session of the Bentonville Baptist Association held with Pleasant Sight Church, Benton County, Ark. Sept 25 to 28, 1885.

Moderator was J R Hall of Bentonville; Clerk was F M Seamster of Avoca.

A joint committee reported that it had conferred with a like committee from the Springtown Association in relation to a consolidation of the two bodies. It was agreed that the two bodies ought to be united and have agreed to refer the matter to the churches composing the two Associations. The Statistical Report showed 15 churches.

(Editor's note: The collection contains only one annual report of the Springtown Association. There were at least three Washington County churches in the Springtown Association - at Wedington, Wager's Mill, and Cave Spring. This report is on the next page. - WJL)

MINUTES of the TENTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the SPRINGTOWN ASSOCIATION OF UNITED BAPTISTS
held with Norwood Prairie Church
commencing Friday, September 16, 1881

Officers: Elder J H Hogan, Moderator; Elder J C Robertson, Clerk.

Table of Statistics

Church	Post Office	Pastor	Membership
Flint Creek	Bloomfield	W B Collins	67
Hico	Hico	A J Estes	43
Spavinaw	Spavinaw	J H Hogan	36
Newsite	Dickson	J R Rowell	28
Temperance Hill	Osage Mills	I R Hall	109
Round Grove	SouthwestCity, Mo.	T N O'Bryant	29
Honey Creek	Maysville	J W West	77
Mt. Enterprise	Maysville	J W West	46
Mt. Pleasant	Dickson	J R Rowell	33
Butler Creek	SulphurSprings	J W West	23
Corner Springs	Springtown	J H Hogan	36
Springtown	Springtown	J F Mitchell	41
Norwood Prairie	Wedington	W B Collins	38
Southwest City	SouthwestCity,Mo.		8
Mason Valley	Mason Valley	J W West	24
Fairmount	Springtown		17
Wager Mill	Elm Springs	J C Robertson	40
Zion Hill	Cherokee City	S E Baldwin	22
Harmony Grove	Nebo	Wm Edwards	30
Cave Springs	Elm Springs	J C Robertson	42
Freedom	Mason Valley	J H Hogan	11

MINUTES of the Eleventh Annual Session of the Springtown Association of United Baptists, held with the Temperance Hill Baptist Church commencing on Friday, Sept. 15, 1882.

Elder J W West, Moderator; Elder J C Robertson, Clerk.

There were 20 churches in the Springtown Association, of which only three were in Washington County -- Norwood Prairie Church at Wedington, Wager Mill Church at Thornsberry (P.O.Elm Spring); and Cave Springs Church (P.O. Elm Spring).

The Statistical Table shows a total membership of 916.

(Editor's note: This ends the record of the Bentonville Baptist Association. In the next issue begins the record of the Fayetteville Baptist Association, from 1885 to 1918, to be followed by the annual reports of the Washington County Baptist Association 1918-1940 and the Washington-Madison County Baptist Association 1941-1959. WJL)

CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

(Editor's note: Through courtesy of D.D.Deaver of Springdale, we have a copy of "The Benton County Pioneer" that features the history of Cave Springs. Cave Springs is in Benton County, just north of Elm Springs in Washington County. Both communities have a lot of early history. We take pleasure in presenting excerpts from the "Pioneer's" account - WJL)

by Mrs. Reba Highfill Oakley

Elijah L. Allen ("Uncle Lige") was born in Georgia in 1833 and settled near what is now known as Cave Springs in 1852. He built the first mill, called the Allen Mill. This water mill stood just north of where the lake now is, near the big spring. The postoffice, then known as Cannon, was in one room of the mill.

A water mill about one mile north of town was built by James Dickson. Later it was owned by a Finn Cannon, at which time the postoffice was established there, known as Cannon Post Office.

After the Allen Mill ceased to operate, W. M. Bartlett bought the spring and built a dam and also a mill on the south side of what is now the lake, about halfway to the spring. In 1902 or 1903 the name of the postoffice was changed to Cave Springs. This mill did not operate very long, but the building stood until the dam broke in Feb. 1912.

There was no lake then until 1914 when Mr. Bartlett rebuilt the dam, sold lots for a boat dock at the lake, which he named "Loch Lono", in honor of his only child, a daughter named Lono. It was a grand occation when the dam was completed and Miss Lono turned the wheel, which started the water filling the new lake.

The Kansas City & Memphis Railroad was laid in 1906. This line ran from Rogers to Siloam Springs, joining the St.Louis-San Francisco R.R. and the Kansas City Southern R.R. at Siloam Springs. The stops enroute were Cave Springs, Healing Springs, Highfill and Springtown. Later a line was built from Cave Springs to Fayetteville. The stops along that line were Elm Springs and Tontitown.

With the coming of the First World War in 1918, the railroad was taken up and sold, as all iron was bringing a premium price at that time. The manager of the railroad was W.R.Felker of Rogers.

When the railroad came, Bill Zirenbery built a canning factory in Cave Springs; an apple evaporator was built by Bill Sikes and Bill Razor. A vinegar plant was started but was never in operation.

The first church was organized in 1880 at a little schoolhouse south of town, near where the bridge crosses Spring Creek. It was a Missionary Baptist Church and the charter members came from Spring Creek and Temperance Hill churches. There were 18 members.

-- C S --

(Editor's note: Other Cave Springs articles in the issue are titled "Bartlett's Cave - Now Cave Springs", "H. L. Cross, Editor of Bentonville Sun, Visits Cave", and the genealogy of the Elijah Allen family. -- WJL)

SCENES FROM THE PAST

(contributed by Marion Bayles)

(Editor's note: The pictures on the following pages are from the collection of Marion Bayles, a long-time member of our Society. He has an extensive collection of old-time railroad pictures. We plan to publish his pictures of section crews in a later issue. -- WJL)

The Farmington Depot was built about 1903 or earlier. The barrels on the platform are apples ready for shipment. The agent at the time the picture was taken was Tommie Bushong. (Information by Clyde Carnes.)

The Elkins Depot was among the first to be built on the St. Paul Branch. The second man from left is Jim Mason, section foreman and the small boy is his son Clint. (Picture from Gladys Mason Autry.)

The Durham Depot was built 1911. Act 132 of 1911 required the Frisco Railroad to build a depot and switch yards at Durham, said depot to be kept open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Elkins section men on platform. (Picture furnished by Gladys Mason Autry.)

The Dutton Depot was built early in 1900. Roe Rickets was agent at the time the picture was taken. (Picture furnished by Mr. and Mrs. George Williams.)

The Delaney Depot was built in early 1900. The Crosses section crew is putting cinders or chat on platform. (Picture from Clint Foster.)

The St. Paul Depot was built in 1887. The picture was taken about 1917.

B.M. & E. Railroad Bridge

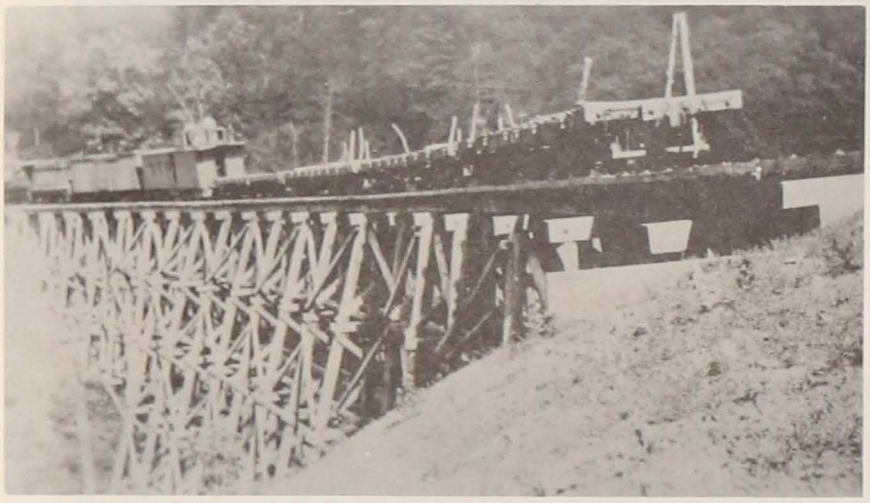
This is Bridge # 3 on the Black Mountain & Eastern R.R. which runs from Cobs in Madison County to Cass in Franklin County, into a vast forest of virgin timber. After you reach Franklin County, there were four of these bridges -- #1, #2, #3, #4. They were not across streams but across canyons and were very high. Aug. Riley and other brakeman on top of caboose. Wes Blew, engineer.

This bridge crew(with their boarding cars, and off the Central Division of the Frisco, worked on these bridges. Extreme left is H. Poe, foreman. Extreme right is Bud Ross, inspector. Next, sitting over wheel on motor car is J.L. (Jim) Caves, 165 S. Hill St., Fayetteville. Others are unidentified.

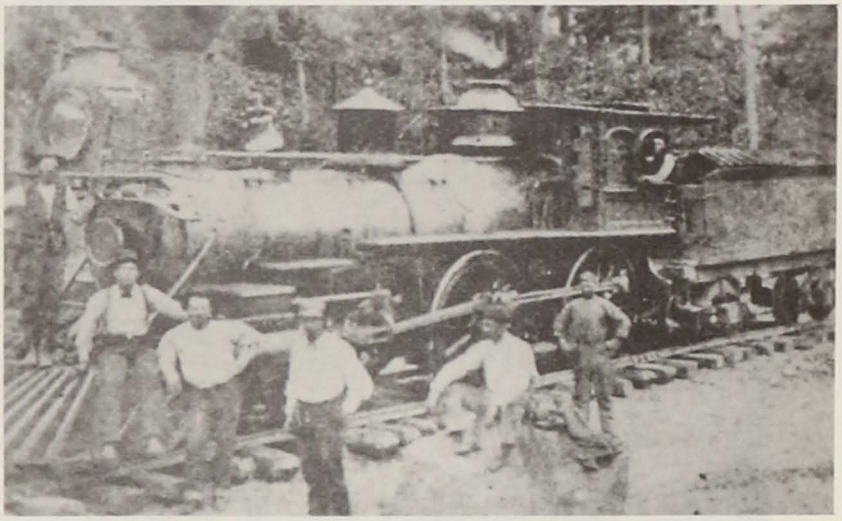
The old-time railroad engine shown on the next picture (with crew of 7 or 8 men) had link and pin coupling and was probably a wood burner. This was said to be among the first engines in Fayetteville and was used in building the road between Fayetteville and Winslow Tunnel.

-- M. B.

FRISCO BRIDGE CREW 1910
H. Poe, foreman



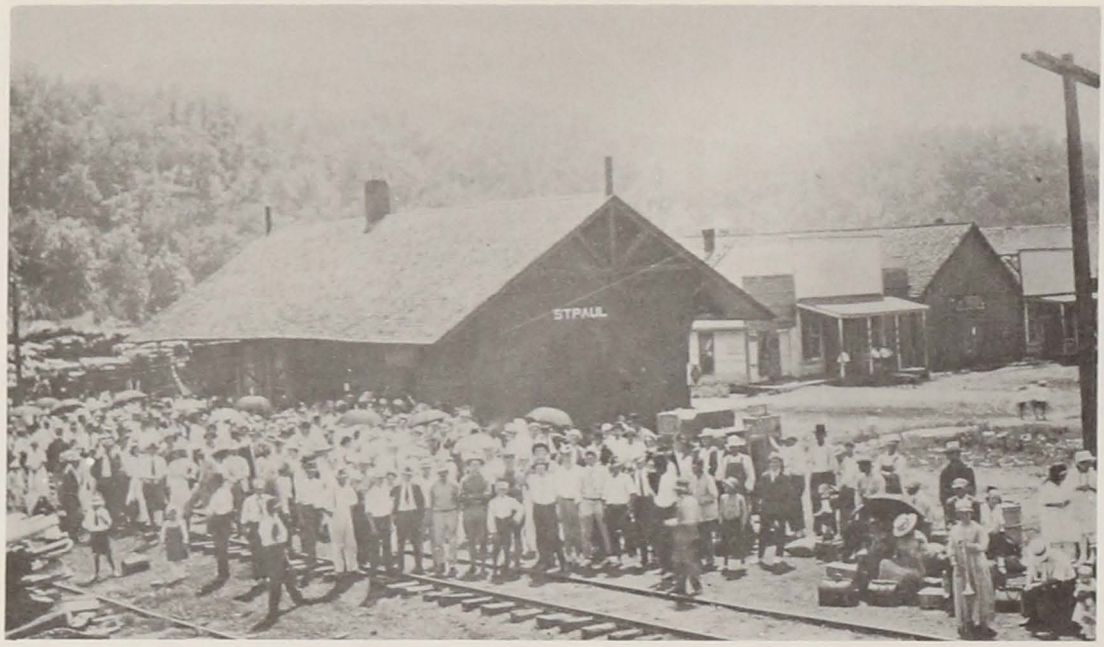
BRIDGE NO. 3 on B. M. & E. RAILROAD,
Combs to Cass, about 1918



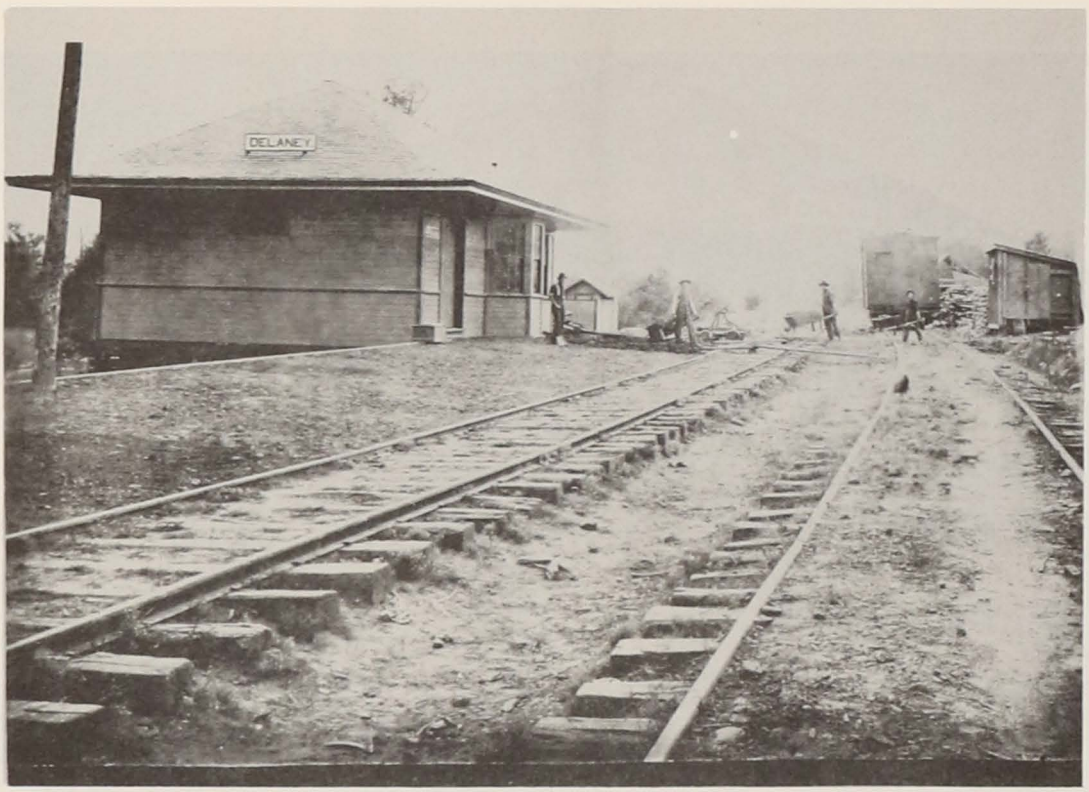
ENGINE AND CREW when Frisco was being built between Fayetteville and Winslow.

All railroad pictures from the collection of
Marion E. Bayles, 1969 Green Acres Road, Fayetteville.

VANISHED DEPOTS
on the St. Paul branch of the Frisco



St. Paul, Arkansas

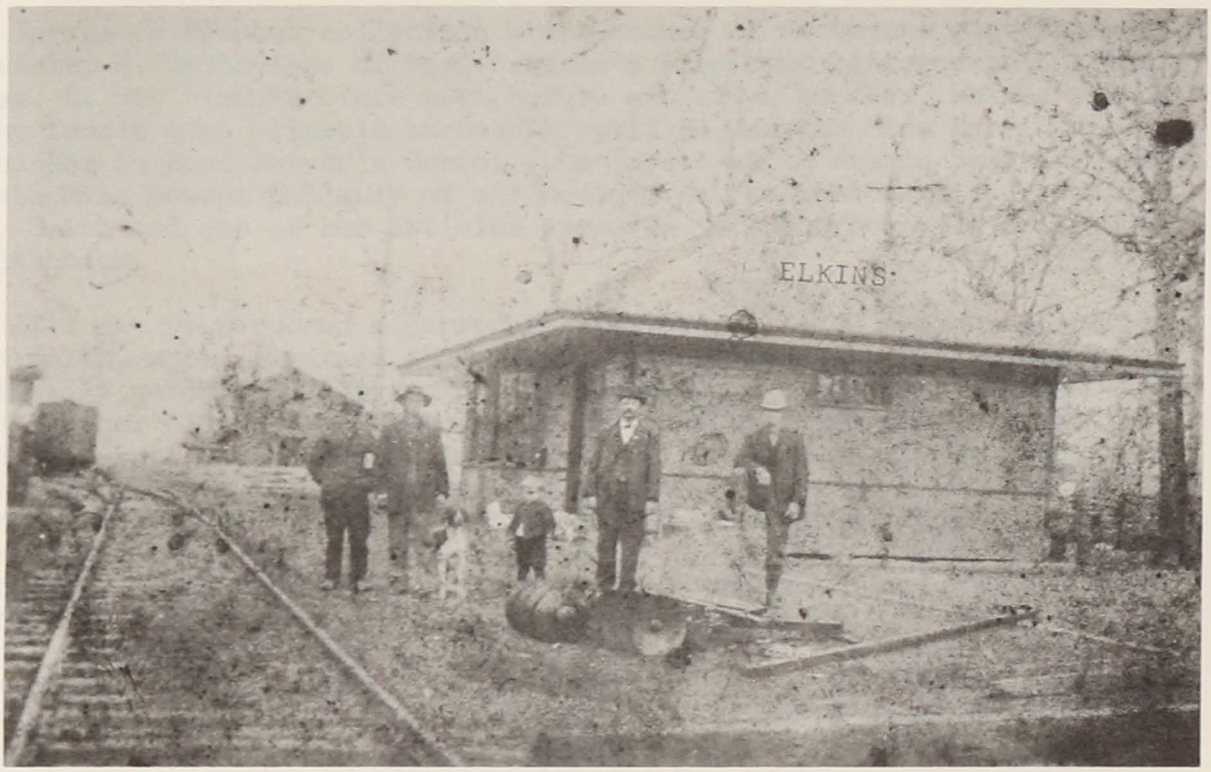


Delaney, Arkansas

VANISHED DEPOTS
on the St. Paul branch of the Frisco

Dutton, Arkansas

Durham, Arkansas



Elkins, Arkansas

Farmington, Arkansas

THE JO HOLCOMB PAPERS

(Second Installment)

In the Jo Holcomb collection are a number of documents pertaining to Presley R. Smith, one of Fayetteville's prominent citizens in the early day. He was Circuit Clerk both before and after the War. He was one of the town's most eligible bachelors until he married Miss Mary Daniels, teacher in Miss Sawyer's School (the Fayetteville Female Seminary. The late Miss Rowena Gallaway of our Society was an authority on Presley R. Smith and one of her articles appeared in the October 1955 issue of Flashback.

If I may be pardoned a personal reference, I also became interested in Smith, when I learned that he was one of the young blades who occasionally serenaded the girls of the Female Seminary,; who once was a part owner of the land that is now the Razorback football stadium, and that he kept excellent records in his official capacity as county and circuit clerk. Miss Gallaway told me that Presley R. Smith was buried in Gehring's Chapel cemetery, just off US 71 north of Fayetteville. We drove out there one Sunday some ten years ago. Miss Rowena got out of the car, walked directly across the old graveyard and stopped at an unmarked mound. "That", she said, "is Presley R. Smith's grave." Where she got her information, I do not know. But if this early builder of Fayetteville is sleeping in an unmarked grave at Gehring's Chapel, maybe some of us late-comers owe him a marker. Just east of this grave is the grave of Samuel Gregg, soldier of the American Revolution, who has a handsome marker erected by the D.A.R.

Presley R. Smith died December 10, 1887. On March 10, 1892, his successor as County and Probate Clerk, J. E. Suttle, issued letters of administration of "all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of the said P.R.Smith at the time of his death", to Jo Holcomb.

A second document in the Smith file is an Appraisement, made by J.F. Barr and Herbert Holcomb, of the estate of P. R. Smith. It is dated May 13, 1892. According to this Appraisement, Smith's personal property was valued at $176.25. The inventory contains some unusual items, possibly relics of the Fayetteville Female Seminary:

1 bedstead & spring mattress	$7.50	1 bureau & book case.	$8.00
6 common mattresses	4.50	1 walnut wardrobe	3.00
4 feather beds	15.00	1 pine wardrobe	1.50
1 single bedstead.	1.00	1 center table	5.00
12 pillos & 18 quilts.	16.00	2 round tables	3.24
12 sheets & 2 counterpanes	4.00	2 common washstands.	.75
1 bureau & bedstead.	7.00	9 chairs	4.50
6 bed springs	4.00	1 cherry stand table	1.25
7 common bedsteads @ 1.50	10.50	1 dining table	4.00
1 heating stove, good	3.50	1 sewing machine	10.00
2 old stoves	3.00	1 lot Books downstairs	5.00
1 cook stove	6.00	1 lot Books upstairs	3.00
2 old safes.	3.50	5 vol. Commentaries.	5.00
1 lot tableware.	5.00	4 Scptt's commentaries	3.00
Creamer, sugar bowl,butter dish.	3.50	1 Memoirs of Lee	1.00
7 pictures and frames.	7.75	1 History of U.S..	1.00
1 clock	3.00	1 ,ollases can.	1.00

A third document in the P.R.Smith file in the Holcomb collection is this Probate Court record:

The Estate of P.R.Smith, Dr. to S.K.Smith, a minor

To the amount of money belonging to this minor, in the hands of said P.R.Smith as Guardian of this minor, at the time of his death as shown by the last account filed by said Smith, $2,472.16. To interest at the rate of six per cent from Dec.8, 1887 to Jan. 6, 1892, on $1,897.91 -- $530.78. Total $3,002.94. Credit by note of Jo Holcomb turned over to A. S. Gregg Sr. as Guardian of said S.K.Smith, $574.25. Balance due, $2,428.69.

State of Arkansas)
County of Washington)

I, A.S.Gregg Sr., on oath state that I am the guardian of S.K.Smith, that I have made diligent inquiry and examination as to the amount due S.K.Smith from the estate of P.R.Smith and I verily believe nothing has been paid or delivered toward the satisfaction of the above demand except the amount credited thereon, and that the sum of $2,428.69 is justly due. A. S. Gregg Sr., guardian

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of June, 1892.
J. E. Suttle, Clerk

The within account examined and the sum of $2,078.69 is allowed and classed in fourth class of claims, this 11 June, 1892.
T. Wainwright, Probate Judge

An interesting deed in the Jo Holcomb collection overs the sale of certain Farmington property, including the mill, July 23, 1874. This deed reads as follows:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, W.H.Engels and Isabella C. Engels, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of $2,000 to us in hand paid by J. M. Lewis and W.H. McCarty, do hereby grant, bargain and sell unto the said Lewis & McCarty the following described lands situate in Washington County in the State of Arkansas, to-wit:

Beginning 15 feet west of a large spring, thence south 360 feet, thence east 150 feet, thence north 480 feet, thence west 150 feet, thence south to the place of 120 feet, containing two acres more or less. Said parcel of land is situate in $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ Sec.16 Twnshp 16 N of Range 29 W. Also all the timber west of Mill and conveyed to us by J.M.Lewis & wife for the use and benefit of Mill, together with the Mill and all the fixtures thereeunto belonging, as well as the Blacksmith Tools, all on said piece of land, also a small house on other lands.

23rd of July, 1874 . H? Engels Isabella C. Engels

(Editor's note: An unusual feature of this deed is that the affidavit whereby Isabella C. Engels waived her dower rights, is signed by P. R. Smith, "duly commissioned Clerk of County Court" and bears the seal of the Washington County Court. The deed was recorded August 10, 1874 by Jo Holcomb, Circuit Clerk and ex-Officio Recorder. -- JL)

(if you don't know the history of the Farmington mill and distillery, you've missed some important county history. We suggest a drive out to Farmington, to view the few remaining foundation stones of the old mill. They won't be there long. -- JL)

SOME EARLY MASONIC LODGES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

(Editor's note: When the president of thr Washington County Historical Society, Oscar E. Williams, died last year, he was engaged in writing acomplete history of Masonry in our county. His son, Earl Williams, has given the Society records, correspondence and manuscripts that his father had accumulated in connection with this assignment. O. E. had not had time to organize the material but because of its value as history, we plan to publish the accounts of some of the earlier lodges. This is the first installment. -- WJL)

Valley Lodge No. 328

Valley Lodge, Evansville, Ark., was granted a dispensation on March 23, 1874 and was chartered on Oct. 2, 1874, and surrendered its charter on Feb. 8, 1935. The charter was issued to Brothers Thomas B.Greer, James L. McClathy and others at Greersburg, Washington County, to be called Valley Lodge No. 328. We have been unable to find a list of the charter members but the Grand Lodge Report of 1880 (page 191) lists the officers and members in 1880 as follows:

Officers

T. B. Greer, Worshipful Master
Javon Bryant, Senior Warden
M. C. Bryant, Junior Warden
John L. Shannon, Secretary

Members

1. C. P. Ashby
2. A. J. Bellamy
3. Javon Bryant
4. M. C. Bryant
5. Wm. Burgess
6. D. H. Burk
7. Wm. M. Coats
8. W. S. Derrick
9. F. J. Dunagan
10. B. P. Fields
11. Wm. M. Finley
12. S. C. Ferguson
13. T. B. Greer
14. John Grisham
15. G. L. Goddard
16. W. T. Goddard
17. J. H. Hampton
18. I. D. Hockman
19. Virgil Jobe
20. Jerome Jobe
21. F. N. Littlejohn
22. N. B. Littlejohn
23. Lively Maples
24. Timothy McCarty
25. J. C. Powell
26. E. J. Sanders
27. J. L. Shannon
28. Thomas Wand
29. J. M. Webber
30. W. B. Yancy

The Proceedings of 1884 show the following officers and members:

A C. Tennant, W.M.
W. T. Goddard, S.W.
J. L. Goddard, J.W.
Tim McCarthy, Treas.
M. C. Bryant, Sec.
W. V. Jobe, S.D.
P. B. Fields, J.D.
J. A. Ridley, Tyler

Members

1. C. P. Ashby
2. Javon Bryant
3. M. C. Bryant
4. Wm. Burgess
5. W. S. Derrrick
6. T. J. Dunagan
7. S. C. Ferguson
8. S. C. Fields
9. T. M. Gibney
10. W. T. Goddard
11. G. L. Goddard
12. T. B. Greer
13. John Grisham
14. A. T. Hayes
15. Asa Kuykendall
16. W. V. Jobe
17. T. J. Jobe
18. A. L. Maples
19. Timothy McCarthy
20. J. C. Powell
21. J. A. Ridley
22. James Sanders
23. J. L. Shannon
24. S. D. Stout
25. A. C. Tennant
26. J. M. Webber
27. W. B. Yancy

Valley Grove Lodge No. 336

Valley Grove Lodge at Billingsley (Hog Eye), Ark., received a dispensation on June 6, 1874, and was chartered on Oct. 12, 1875. The charter members were: Phillip Williams, J. C. Thornton, W. E. Shanks, John H. Rieff, B.A. Carl, M.M. Morrow, Sam Miller, Marcus E. Buchanan, W.B.Dye, Jacob Keck and Tandy M. Godard. The first Worshipful Master was Phillip Williams and the first secretary was M.M.Morrow. The first meeting was held at Billingsley Oct. 12, 1874, while the lodge was under dispensation. It was later moved to West Fork and the first meeting at West Fork was on May 26, 1877 in the Masonic Hall. It continued to meet there until Sept. 24, 1959, when it was moved to its present location downtown in a brick building which it owns. There have been 34 Masters, as follows, 13 of whom are now living (1963):

1. Phillip Williams
2. W. E. Shanks
3. John W. Robinson
4. H. Ramey
5. A. J. Miller
6. M. N. Dale
7. R. P. Baker
8. H. C. Martin
9. J. C. Anderson
10. J. W. Bell
11. Zadoc Winn
12. H. E. Tooker
13. F. F. Males
14. Dr. J. S. Cannon
15. D. A. Newlon
16. L. H. Ramey
17. Roy A. Karnes
18. Clifton Karnes
19. Mont M. Walker
20. John Mitchell
21. J. C. Phillips
22. Paul C. Davis
23. C.E.Robinson, Jr.
24. Chas E. Robinson
25. Lee Skillern
26. Hugh Pitkin
27. W. E. Phillips
28. Frank Bayless
29. H. A. Carter
30. E.A.Stockburger
31. E. A. Waterfield
32. Jona C. Cantrell
34. Donald R. Jones

The record shows that some of the above Masters served as much as ten years. The Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1880 (page 193) show the following officers and members in 1880:

J. W. Robinson, W.M. — H. H. Davis, J.W.
Wm. Karnes, S.W. — R. P. Baker, Sec.

1. R. P. Baker
2. W. H. Brock
3. M. E. Buchanan
4. F. F. Curtis
5. H. H. Davis
6. W. R. Dye
7. L. L. Fallin
8. W. C. Graham
9. Wm. Karnes
10. R. V. Lorance
11. M. M. Morrow
12. Jacob Keck
132. Wm. Ring
14. J. W. Robinson
15. John Reieff
16. W. F. Shanks
17. John Taylor
18. John Tennison
19. Ed Tankersley
20. J. M. Tanthee
21. Zadock Winn
22. P. Williams
23. M. C. Martin

The 1884 Proceedings (page 316) show the following members in 1884:

1. R. P. Baker, Secty.
2. R. M. Blakemore
3. W. H. Brock
4. M. E. Buchanan
5. F. F. Curtis
6. W. N. Dale, J.D.
7. H. H. Davis
8. J. A. Fallin
9. H. L. Fallin
10. O. A. Gilstrap
11. N. Flatfelty
12. W. C. Graham
13. T. P. Hughes
14. Wm. Karnes
15. John Karnes, Treas
16. John Kelley
17. Wm. King
18. Thomas Latham
19. R. N. Lorance
20. F. J. Males
21. H. C. Martin
22. A. J. Miller, JW
33. F. N. Nott
24. Robt Bbarson, Stew
25. J. A. Reed
26. Henry Ramey
27. J. W. Robinson
28. J.W.Rutherford,Steward
29. Wm. Scudder
30. W.E.Shanks, W.M.
31. John Stonecifer
32. E. D. Tankersley
33. John Tennison
34. J. N. Tuttle
35. John Walker
36. W. C. H. Walker
37. P. Williams, S.W.
38. Zadock Winn, Tyler
39. W. C. Yoes, S.D.
40. W. E. Yoes,

Chas. E. Robinson, the present secretary, has served since 1930 and has been presented a 50-year-button by the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. The Lodge now has 63 members. Donald Jones is Worshipful Master.

THE ELMS OF THE SUMMERS COMMUNITY

by Burlene Hilton, Lincoln, Ark.

In the last issue of FLASHBACK, you asked about the Elms family of Washington County. An uncle of mine by marriage to Ada Beaty, Jones Thomas Elms and known to many as "Uncle Tommie" lived to be almost 98 years of age and had an alert mind until death. He gave me lots of interesting Washington County history. Many times I sat in the company of Uncle Tommie and Uncle Bill Beaty and took notes as they talked.

Jones W. Elms and his wife Eveline E. Robertson, parents of Jones Thomas (Uncle Tommie) came to the Summers community in 1852. They had come to Tennessee from Georgia. When they had saved enough to buy an ox team, they started to Arkansas. They had one three-year-old mare which Eveline rode behind the wagon all the distance. Jones W. had a sister Katy who probably came with them. She never married; was born 1824 and died 1906, and always lived near Jones W. Also, the mother of Eveline must have come, for J.T. remembered that she died when he was a small child and can remember going to the grave with his mother at the Beaty cemetery, near the pine trees. No marker was erected at her grave except a sandstone marker.

They first settled on what is now known as the Gibson farm for about four years. Here they made fence rails which they sold for food. During that time the mare bore two colts and these and a cow were traded to Benjamin Yeager for an acreage neat the pressntGandervill Cemetery, and has been in the Elms family ever since. Alfred Elms lives there at present and is a grandson of Jones W.

Six children were born to Jones W and Eveline Elms: Jones T.(Tommie), John, Henderson, James (Jimmie), Altazara, and Mary. Several descendants of these still live in the Summers and Lincoln area. Mrs. C.I. Parks of Summers is a child of Jones T., and Alfred Elms is a son of Jones.

Jones W. had a brother,Dock Elms, who with his wife Tildy also lived near Summers and must have come here at the same time. Their children were five: Lizzie, Martha, Tom, Will, and James.

Jonathan Elms came here in the early days but do not know if he was a brother to Jones W. or a cousin. Uncle Tommie called him "Uncle Jonathan", so he must have been a brother.

Nathan Elms was an early school teacher,having taught in the Summers community and on Beaty Mountain about 4 miles north of Lincolns, in the first school on the Alexander Beaty farm. His son, John G.Elm, married the oldest daughter of Alexander Beaty, Sarah Jane, on Oct. 31, 1854. She died the following year. In 1859 John G. Elms married Ruth Carter. John G., with another Elms boy and Frank Collins, were killed ruging the Civil War by bushwhackers while walking through an orchard in the Gem community.

Other children of Jonathan were Edward Elms who married Lydia Newman 1853. She must have died soon after, for the Washington County marriage records show that he married Rachel L. Newman in 1854. A daughter of

Jonathan, Lydia, married William Power Feb. 12, 1856. Rebecca Elms married Oliver J. Elliot Mar.10, 1860.Jimmie Elms married a Jane Lawrence. Thomas and Sally Elms, who lived in Summers Valley, are believed to also be the children of Jonathan.

A cousin of Jones W., E.O.Elms, born 1832 and died 1892, also came in the early days. His wife was called Rebecca. Their children were Henry and Sally. Sally marriedWalter Parker.

Jonathan Elms was also an early lawyer andpracticed in the Justice of the Peace court where most criminal cases were settled in those days. He also wrote deeds and mortgages. After the Civil War he was appointed Deputy Clerk of Washington County, to issue marriage licenses in the west end of the County.

Henderson Elms, son of Jones W., was an early postmaster in Summers, in the year 1882. A William Elms had a barber shop in 1904.

Jones W. Elms had a sister Altazara who married James Moore on June 8, 1858 by Rev. Thomas Leach. Their children were: Belle who married Ossie Moore, and Alice who married Henry Roberts and lived in the Sugar Hill community near Lincoln a great many years.

The west area of Summers, along the Ballard Creek, was the early home of all the Elms families and I feel sure the Summers co munity felt their heritage of many fine families who gave much to the growth of the community.

From the Elms Family Album

The family pictures that appear on the two following pages were loaned to us by Mrs. C. I. Parks of Summers, Ark. These are reproductions of fine old tintypes, all in excellent condition considering their age.

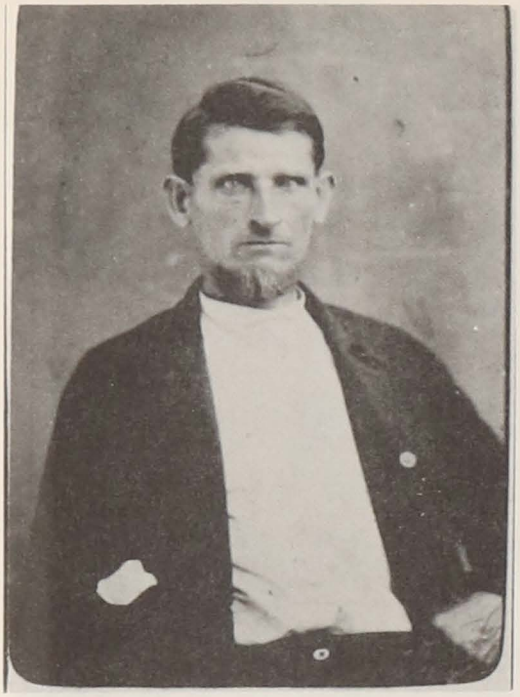
Our copies were made by Henry Green, retired Fayetteville photographer. Mr.Green has been remarkably successful in copying tintypes and old faded Photographs. Two of the Elms tintypes (Jones T. Elms and James R. Elms) presented special difficulties because of the darkness of the originals. We think our reproductions are clearer than the originals. Incidentally, the cover picture in our last Arkansas Family Historian (the three Prince sisters) was made by Mr.Green from a photo that was almost faded out.

We would recommend to our members that they collect family pictures along with information. It takes a lot of effort to find old photos but the effort is worth while.

Our thanks to Mrs. Parks for the use of her Elms pictures, and to Mrs. Hilton of Lincoln for bringing them to our office, and to Henry Green for his superb copying job. All three are members of our Society.

Mrs. Hilton also brought us an 8x10 photo of an Elms family reunion in the old days, that shows 90 persons. She secured the picture from Virgil Cushing of Westville, Okla. We plan to publish this picture in an early issue.

FROM THE ELMS FAMILY ALBUM



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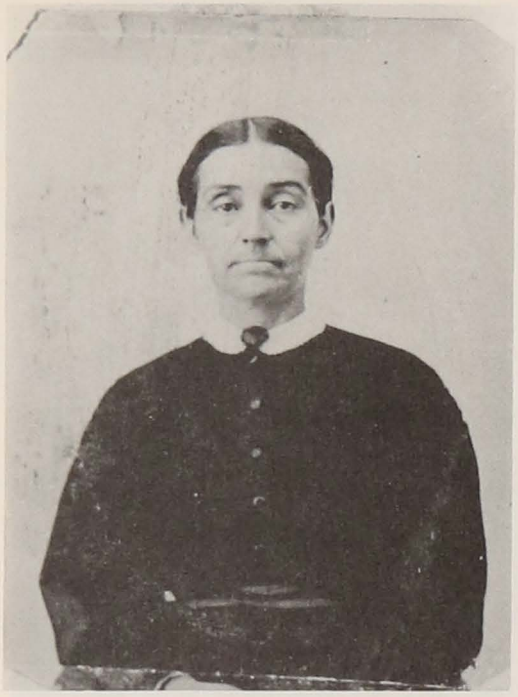
Father



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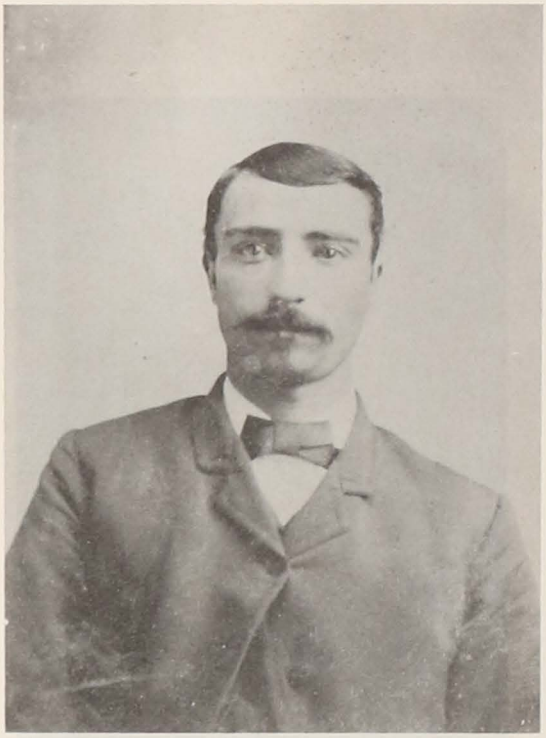
Mother



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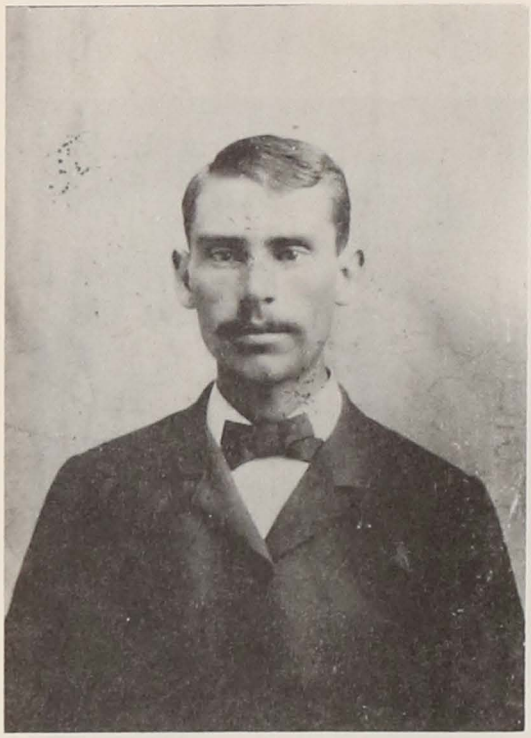
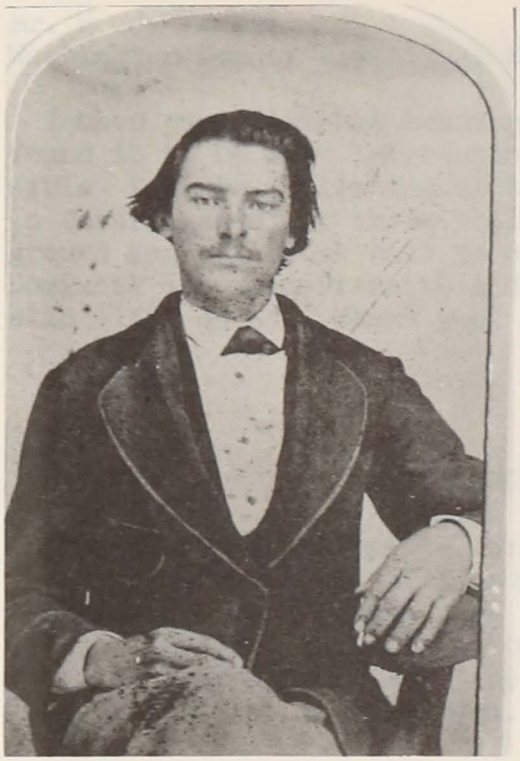
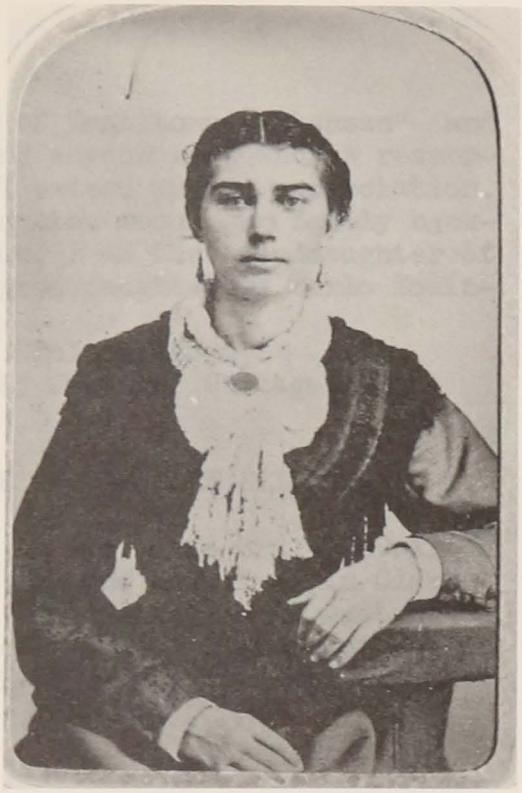


JONES T. ELMS
Son

(All photos courtesy of Mrs. C. I. Parks, who is a daughter of Jones T. Elms)



HENDERSON ELMS
Son



ALTA ZARRAH ELMS
Daughter

MARY E. ELMS
Daughter

JOHN W. ELMS
Son (on left)

SWEET TALK

Mr. W. J. Lemke,
Washington County Historical Society.

I have just finished reading "The Story of Tontitown, Arkansas" and found it to be most interesting. To you and anyone else who is responsible for the publishing of this book, I extend my own appreciation. In future years, my three children will inquire about our family background and this book will be of great value. I am the granddaughter of Dominick and Rosa Pianalto and the great-granddaughter of Carlo Tominello (1836-1924). Thank you.

Mrs. Dolores Coda,
12445 Justine, Chicago, Ill.

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A LETTER FROM A DAUGHTER OF OLD CANE HILL

(One of my very favorite correspondents is Mrs. Etta Braly McColloch who was born on Cane Hill some 90 years ago and now lives in Clarksville, Ark. Her fingers are crippled by arthritis and it must be an effort for her to write a longhand letter. What I like about her is that she is sharp mentally and has a terrific memory for details. Here is part of a letter dated Jan. 2, 1964. -- WJL)

Dear Dr. Lemke:

I am still enjoying the Flashback and was glad to learn that Admiral Powell Rhea received the Distinguished Citizen citation at the annual meeting.

I notice that no one has ever written about school through the summer and vacation in winter, at the then Arkansas Industrial University from 1890 to 1895. I understood it was Mr. Jim Mitchell's idea but it did not work very well.

Another story I wanted to write but have not been equal to was about the Hagood and Yates relatives on Cane Hill. Three Yates married three Hagoods and raised 19 double cousins on Cane Hill. Then there was another Hagood, James, who married and raised eight first cousins to these 19. Then James Yates raised ten first cousins to thel9. The Hagoods had two half-sisters who married and lived there and they had ten children. Dr. Yates, Dr.McBride, Dr.Hagood and Dr. Shipley cameout of the bunch. Of the 29 Yates cousins, there are six descendants - the Yates boys at Cane Hill and Lincoln and Mrs.Clifford and Conrad Russell at Cane Hill. I think it was a more or less unusual situation but I have not felt dqual to getting it in shape for publication.

I sent Lacy McColloch pictures of Mother McColloch and her sister, Aunt Sara Bean, made when they were going to school to Miss Sawyer in Fayetteville in 1860 or 1861. If Lacy got some good prints from the old photos, I'm sure he would be glad to send to you if you want them.

I hope you carry on the good work and that the younger ones will be interested. The last and youngest of my husband's sisters and the mother of the last doctor born on Cane Hill died in Texas last week. She was 83 and visited me at Cane Hill last October.

Mrs. Etta Braly McColloch,
Rogers St., Clarksville, Ark.

SEEKS KINNEBRUGH INFORMATION

Dear Miss Karnes:

My brother, Emory E. Gose of Fayetteville sent me page from the Arkansas Gazette in which there was an article written by Robert H. Hill and illustrated with beautiful pictures of "Historic Cane Hill." The pictures included the College, the bell tower, and the historic olc Cumberland Church, also the once magnificent water wheel.

The story brought to my mind the interesting things my mother-in-law had told me of Cane Hill, particularly the College, for she spoke often and with pride when she would say: "My father, a well educated man, held the chair of English inCane Hill College at the time of the Civil War.

Her name was Mary Jane Kinnebrugh and she was born in 1851 near Cane Hill. She had vivid memories of the war years. Her brothers were too young to go to war and her father had a disability which prevented him from joining the army. Both her mother and father had brothers in the Confederate Army and they fought in a battle which was close enough to Cane Hill that the family could hear the roar of the cannon. Some of their very close relatives lost their lives in that battle.

She remembered that her father walked in the yard all day and that her mother sent each child in turn to walk with him and he would hold their hands. The war cost him practically everything he had and he could not give the children the education he had planned. I regret that I do not know more about the early days of that particular Kinnebrugh family, and I do not know grandfather's given name or where he was born and reared.

At the time, Mother Gilliland would talk to me of her past life. As a little girl I didn't realize that in a future day I might be wishing for more facts. She was married at 15 to a "dashing" 21-year-old Confederate soldier who was fresh out of a Federal prison camp in New Orleans, where he spent about three years of his life.

They were married in Siloam Springs and lived there and in Bloomfield, where four sons were born. They then moved to Decatur, Texas when Mother G. was 21 years of age. Six other children were born to the couple, and my husband, Robert Ray Gilliland, was the youngest of the family. He passed away in 1952. None of the family is living now except the only daughter, Mrs. Minnie White of Fort Worth, 87. There are many grandchildren.

Mother Gilliland never returned to Arkansas after she left home and never saw either of her parents again, though her father lived until 1904. Two of her brothers moved to Texas the year she did. I visit in Fayetteville once in a while and had often thought that I would go to Cane Hill and inquire about records of the College before the war. I would like so much to get information as to the place and time of Mr. Kinnebrugh's birth, his given name, and at what time he taught in Cane Hill College. If you can give me any information about Grandfather Kinnebrugh and his family or tell me where to write, I will be happy to pay for the service.

Birdie Gose (Mrs. R.R.) Gilliland,
811 Cain St., Quanah, Texas

THE HIRAM PAYNE FAMILY IN ARKANSAS

by Ruth Holt Payne

Hiram Payne brought his family from Tennessee to Arkansas long before the Civil War. They settled in what is now Crawford County on Mountain Fork creek near Natural Dam. He lived the remainder of his life in this place and is alleged to have died at the age of 116. He is buried in an old cemetery in that vicinity, probably in a grave marked by an uninscribed sand stone.

Whether Hiram had other children than his son, Ammon, his great-grandson W. C. Payne, does not know. Ammon Payne was W.C.'s grandfather and it is his line that is given here. Ammon married Mary Jane Shannon and they acquired a farm about three miles south of Lincoln, Washington County, now known as the Bob Kidd farm. The house stood on a knoll overlooking rich creek-bottom land. They kept slaves and prospered until the Civil War.

Eight children were born to them: Tom who married an Indian woman whose first name was Georgia, last name unknown; Bob, who never married; Will, who married Elizabeth Colburn; Kate who married Wilson Smith; Mary who married George Scott; James who married mary Catherine Dobbs; Mattie who married Taylor Howard; and Jemima who married Charles Hase.

The children of Tom Payne were Dock and Charlie; children of Will payne one girl Mary who died young. Kate and Wilson Smith had no children. Mattie and Taylor Howard's children were Luther, who married Etta Edmiston; their children were Edgar, Edna, Lawrence and Leonard (twins) and Ethel who never married.

Jemima and Charles Hase had five children: Tom and Lon who never married; Hattie who married a Gibson, children unknown; Ammon who died young; and Annie who married a Dodson. Mary and George Scott's children were Will, Chrissie who married Tom Lefors, Henry who married a girl whose first name is unknown but whose last name was Tigret: Tom who never married; and Newt who married an Allen.

James Payne's children were Minnie who married Wilson Moore; their children were Elsie who married Fred Summers (children Jack and Eva Jane), Iva who married Hilary Gibson (children Ruth and Genevieve), Ione who married Chester Nichols, and Murray, wife unknown.

Etta, daughter of James Payne, married Billy Padgett -- two children Kate and Bea. Annie, daughter of James, married Bill Gipson -- one boy Fred. Della, daughter of James, married Jim Walker first; after his death she married Marion Spear -- three boys, Alva, Lester and Troy who died young. Ora, daughter of James, died young. William Cody (W.C) son of James, married Minnie Roller -- two boys Clyde and Elmer. Emmet, son of James, married Kate Little -- three children, Mary Harold and Mildred. Clyde, son of James, married Corene Swift -- three children, Howard, Geneva and Richard.

During the Civil War, Ammon Payne was in the Home Guard of Southern sympathizeers and was killed in an Indian raid in Bush Valley. As he

was riding with George Scott, he urged Scott to ride on ahead as he was on a faster horse. If Scott had not done so, he too would have been killed but he lived to marry Ammon's daughter. Ammon's widow, with the help of neighbor women, buried him in Bethesda cemetery. He was killed at the age of 59 in 1863. His widow died in 1897 at the age of 80.

(Anyone interested in the Payne family may write to W. C. Payne, Lincoln, Ark.)

INDIANA GROUP PLANS OZARKS VISIT

Our Indiana Civil War Round Table has visited most of the larger Civil War battlefields, including Gettysbur, Shiloh and some of them twice. We are now thinking about a trip to southwest Missouri and north west Arkansas -- Wilson's Creek, Pea Ridge, and Prairie Grove. This trip would mean four or five days and if we return by way of Memphis, we will visit Shiloh again.

I am writing to ask your suggestions as to our itinerary and how we might get the best results out of such a trip. Proper planning and guidance are most essential and we hope the Washington County Historical Society can help us. Can you put us in touch with someone at Springfield who can tell us the story of Wilson's Creek? And can we get guidance and information at Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove? Our spring trips are usually in May, say around the 7th or 14th. Thanks in advance for your help and reply.

R. J. Hiller,
Timberlane Farm, R. #2, Carmel, Indiana

EDITOR'S NOTES

PIONEER BEARDS will be the subject of a picture story in an early issue of Flashback. Your editor is now engaged in a bit of research on these early hirsute adornments. Thanks to the dozen or so members who sent us pictures of ancestors with unusual beards.

-- A G S --

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE OZARKS, Springfield, Mo., is continuing its superb series of programs devoted to the War in the Arkansas-Missouri Ozarks. Its February program was devoted to "The Civil War in Literature", with Fred DeArmond as speaker. The CWRT of the Ozarks published "Buck and Ball", named for the war-time newspaper published at Cane Hill, Washington County, Arkansas.

-- WCHS --

TWO LONG-TIME FRIENDS and members of the WCHS visited our office in February -- Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Smith of Miami, Texas. The editor was out of circulation on account of illness but Messrs. Carter and Scott entertained the visitors. They sent me a get-well card. I suspect the Smiths were trying to escape the February snow in west Texas. They visit the Ozarks at least once a year. We hope that Mr. & Mrs. Smith will let us publish their family history at an early date.

-- WCHS --

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS in Social Science have written us recently to ask for material on the history of Washington County and the battles in this area. We have no material for these youngsters -- unless and until the Chambers of Commerce and other groups contribute to the Society. We are a private membership organization and have no obligation to service the general public. Also, we haven't got the money.

THE SECRETARY'S PAGE

BOOKS FROM MRS. A. C. UCKER. We are indebted to the estate of Mrs. Ucker, who was Cleo Root, sister of Prof. F.S. Root, and to Jerome McRoy, executor, for a fine gift of books. Most important to the Society was a file of Flashbacks that included many old numbers -- three very rare ones that enabled us to fill out a complete series for a library on the waiting list.

SPEAKING OF OLD FLASHBACKS: We are completely out of the May 1963 number (Vol. 13, No. 2*. If you do not keep a file, and if you would like to make this contribution to the Society's need -- we have two or three libraries waiting for copies. In short supply also are all copies of the 1961 volume. On the other hand, we overproduced several issues in 1955-56-57. These are on the bargain counter at the rate of two for $1, our choice.

BOOKLETS WE ARE SAVING FOR YOU. We counted 317 copies of booklets in our Booklet Series on the reserve shelves the other day. A good many, but when you consider that we have produced about 5,000 total in 45 titles, the stock on hand is small indeed. Most of them are from the 1962-63 production that will eventually be sold out. among these are several excellent buys: O. E. Williams' "Bench and Bar of Washington County" and Margaret Troutman's "Smith-Cates Families", at $1 each; "The McClellans of Alabama and Arkansas" by Bobbie Jones McLane, at $3; and two topnotch history booklets: Ruie Ann Park's "Dear Parents" (war-time letters of the Shibley brothers) and W.J. Lemke's "Story of Tontitown", at $2 each.

HISTORICAL MARKER. Plans are under way for a marker to be placed at the site of the old mill wheel at Cane Hill. A separate letter will be sent to a hundred or more members who are likely to be directly interested in this old mill and the marker to go on the site. But we do not want to bar anyone from attending or from adding to the fun needed for the marker. More about this later.

THE MONEY WE SPENT IN 1963. Your Society spent just over $3,350 last year. Which is quite a feat for a Society with fewer than 500 members paying $3 each as dues. But there is no magic about it. Some $400 was received in donations; an auction brought in about $140; Washington County Quorum Court appropriated $300 in appreciation of our work of compiling and publishing county history; and the rest of the income was from the sale of booklets and back numbers of Flashback.

ON THE SPENDING SIDE, the biggest single item went for picture pages to highlight the articles on families and local history; then supplies, postage, photography, and rent, in that order. The lowest expense item was for labor, the reason being that unpaid volunteer labor is used almost altogether for typing, cutting stencils, sweeping the floor, and the chore of printing,assembling, binding, addressing and mailing our publications.

YOUR SECRETARY is anxious to hear from any of our members who have special problems or questions about Washington County history, genealogy or achaeology. All letters answered promptly, especially if there is a stamped envelope enclosed.

Deane G. Carter, secretary
Box 237, Fayetteville, Ark.

LAST-MINUTE FLASHES

The WCHS has been asked to participate in the erection of historical markers during 1964, at the site of the Moore-Buchanan mill at Cane Hill, the Stone House on E.Center St., Fayetteville (100th anniversary of Fagan's attack on Fayetteville), and in a proposed Memorial Wall at Mr. Comfort where the Rural Improvement Club plans to mark the site of the Far West Seminary (1840) and remember the pioneers of this area. Further information will appear in the Secretary's newsletter.

-- wchs --

Our Society has been asked to participate in a panel discussion of county history at the annual meeting of the Arkansas Historical Association at Jonesboro May 1-2.

-- wchs --

Henry Green, retired Fayetteville photographer,has given our Society a 3 x 5 foot photo of Fayetteville from Mt. Sequoyah, which is being hung in our Society's office. Mr. Green also gave us many old photos and negatives pertaining to Fayetteville history, all of which will be published in future issues of Flashback.

-- wchs --

Dr. R.A.Leflar, professor of law in the Uof Arkansas, has been named to write the 100th anniversary history of the University. He has asked for the help of the WCHS in gathering information and pictures about the University. We will, of course, cooperate.

-- wchs --

The Little Rock Book Bindery has delivered the bound volume of No. 13 of Flashback and the re-bound volume of Goodspeed's history of the northwest A rkansas counties. These books are now available for researchers in our WCHS office.

-- wchs --

Our Society has been asked to sponsor a series of Sunday afternoon history tours, during the spring and summer. A committee is now working on this suggestion. Among the trips suggested are the following: Elm Springs-Thornsberry-Wedington-Cincinnati; Bethesda and Bethlehem cemeteries south of Cane Hill; the Cove Creek road from Hogeye to Strickler; the Middle Fork from Sulphur City to King's cemetery; and Maguire's Store-Tuttle-Goshen in the Richland area. Our members will be informed when the schedule is completed.

-- wchs --

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REIFF - RIEFF - RIFE

Dear WJL:

Here is a mystery I have been pondering. On the well-travelled pike from Lebanon to Nashville, Tenn., just across from the turn-off to The Hermitage, is an official marker that reads

TULIP GROVE

"Designed by Jos. Reiff, who was also builder of The Hermitage, this house was built in 1832 for Andrew J. Donelson, Jackson's namesake and secretary, a West Point graduate. Donelson was one time minister to Prussia and held other offices. In 1856 he was candidate for vice-president on ticket with Millard Fillmore."

We stopped and photographed this sign. We looked up and down the highway but were unable to see anything that looked like Tulip Grove. We didn't have much time to investigate. While at The Hermitage we purchased a booklet, "The Hermitage", wherein it is stated: "Sometime during 1818 the site of the brick mansion was selected and the square house which forms the central portion of the present building was erected. Diligent research by the leading Jackson students has failed to reveal the exact date or details of the construction of this building. It is generally agreed, however, that it was completed in 1819 and was occupied when President Monroe was a guest at The Hermitage in June 1819."

Irving Stone in his well-researched book,"The President's Lady",tells us that Jackson was his own architect and his own builder. Actually, Rachel supervised the building of the entire structure, as Andrew was away as usual, first arranging a treat with the Chickasaws and then to Washington to be on hand when his enemies started impeachment proceedings against him for his seizure of Pensacola from Spain and for his court-martial and execution of two British subjects.

So, I am intrigued as to the identity of this "Jos.Reiff." The only Rieffs, Reiffs or Rifes that I have found in the early records of Wilson, Sumner and Davidson counties, Tenn., were all members of the family of Christopher Reiff or Rieff, who, as you probably remember, hailed from Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania, and who settled in Wilson Co., Tenn. around 1800.

His son John, the ninth child, was born in Winchester, Va. According to Goodspeed, John "remained with his parents but a short time after locating in Tennessee, but took up his abode with his elder brother and began learning the carpenter's trade..." Oren Rieff, John's eldest son, remained on the farm until nearly grown, and "he then began learning the carpenter's trade."

There is not any doubt in my mind but that Rachel Jackson knew the Rieffs, and she probably knew some of them well. Childless Rachel often visited her brother, John Donelson, and his wife Mary at their farm in Wilson Co. John and Mary were the parents of 13 children, the youngest of whom, Emily, was to marry her first cousin, Andrew J. Donelson, and to become the official hostess at the White House. John Donelson's property adjoined that of my great-g-g-g-grandfather Henry Ross, whose land grant made out to the "heirs of Samuel Ross" entitled him to 640 acres of land on the waters of Spencer's Creek. John Donelson's name appears on the grant as a chain carrier.

In 1809 John Rieff married Hannah, daughter of Henry Ross. There is no record of Christopher Rieff owning property in the Spencer's Creek area, but Henry Rieff, one of John's brothers, owned 655 acres there, and this well may have been where John took up his "abode" after he left his parents' home. Spencer's Creek is a short distance off the Lebanon-Nashville Pike, and this was a main road, even in early days, going past the Hermitage property where for so many years the Jacksons lived in a log blockhouse.

So, until someone disproves my theory, I am inclined to think the "Jos. Reiff" is my John Rieff's brother, the one who fought with him and Jacob in Jackson's Creek campaigns and who came to Washington Co., Ark. in 1838, or shortly thereafter. Too, John may have had a builder-nephew named Joseph, son of one of his older brothers. I have written to the State Librarian at Nashville.

-- Marian Brinson Lisman,
229 Albert Ave., Shreveport, La.

(Editor's note: My own information about the pioneer Rieffs is sketchy at best. I might never have heard of them if the late Miss Jobelle Holcombe hadn't guided me out to the Rieff's Chapel cemetery. That was my first acquaintance with John and Hannah Rieff. Later, I learned to know their sons, Henry, a Confederate Colonel, and Orren, who helped build Ozark Institute at Mt.Comfort. Also,the name intrigues me, because whether spelled Rieff, Reiff or Rife, the origin is probably in south Germany. If any descendants of these families are interested, we will give them our aid in compiling a family history.

(I am not a name-dropper and the names ofAndrew and Rachel Jackson leave me lukewarm. But the name Rieff is that of a Washington Co. pioneer, and, come April, I will be out at Rieff's Chapel,on the Cato Springs Road, to see our county's finest floral display, the Johnson pear orchard. If you want to go along, get in touch.

(And thanks to Marian Brinson Lisman for remembering.

-- WJL)

1850 WASHINGTON COUNTY CENSUS

Our Society has received notice that the Population Schedule of the United States Census of 1850 is being published by Mrs. R. P. Woods, 1201 Arcadia, A ustin, Texas. Delivery date is May 1, 1964. Price is $5. This publication is a copy made from a microfilm of the original record on file in the National Archives, Washington. The announcement says:

"Washington County,Ark. was formed in 1828 and the 1830 Census lists only 324 households. A reprint of the "Names of Heads of Families", 1830 Census" is included in this text. The 1850 Census of Washington County is listed under 12 townships and the Town of Fayetteville -- a total of 211 microfilm pages and 1,409 households. Complete surname index for 1850 Census. Book is typed and reproduced on 20 lb paper for easty-to-read copies and bound in covers, about 150 pages.

If any of our Washington County readers are interested, write to Mrs. Woods at the above address.

A DUTTON LETTER

Dear Editor:

In a 1961 issue of FLASHBACK there was a picture of Moses Dutton, Methodist preacher. He being my husband's grandfather, we were very thrilled to see it. We have an old letter written by him to his nephew which I would love to see published in your magazine. The letter is tattered and has been taped several places but the writing is plain.

Goshen, Washington Co., A rk.
Feb. 10, '82

Well, Jack, I received your letter today. Was glad to hear from you and learn that you are doing well. And I am glad that you have not forgotten me. I have many things to write of, but can only mention a few of them at one writing. I am living at the same place. All the children are married but Moses -- he is living with me. Your Aunt Betsy is feeble, being worn down with age.

My health has been bad the last two years but is better at this time. We have a small town at Goshen. It was blown away bya terrible cyclone a little over two years ago. I had a large shop. It was blown entirely away., in connection with several houses. There was no lives lost. Our church house and Harbor was destroyed. The town has been rebuilt. We have built a church house, with a Masonic Hall on it. The building is worth one thousand dollars. We have a fine steam mill under way of construction at Goshen. It is being put up by Dr.Kelly, Tom Cannon and Jno Tunstill. It will be running by harvest time.

I worked on our church house over one year all the time that work could be done. It was a gratis business on my part and has left me behind-hand but I will still live if it be in a hard way. I contemplate visiting your country in the fall on a preaching expedition. If my health holds good and if I visit your part of the country I will write you and let you know at what time I will be there. I am preaching almost as much as I ever did. I want to make a good end of my life.

Brown Sharp and Martha are living with me. Their oldest child died night before last. His name was Monroe. He was all the boy they had. He died with Rheumatism. They have four children left. Dick Dutton lives in Hindsville, is running a blacksmith shop and is doing reasonable well. Dick is a good smith. Nerva, her health is not good; she was well nigh dyinr a while back; she is in better health, now. Joe Phillips is in Texas some where. If you know anything of him write to me and tell me where he is as I have not had a letter from them for about two years.

I want you to write at once on the receipt of this letter and tell me how Cass is getting along and if you and him have enough religion to die with. If so, I shall look to meet you in the better land. I close by subscribing myself yours truly

MOSES DUTTON

to Jackson Dutton

-- wchs --

We surely enjoy FLASHBACK and would love to see some old Goshen pictures in your magazine, especially the old landmarks, as my husband's family were born there and lived there for years and some are still at Goshen. Sincerely

Mrs. E. C. Dutton,
9452 Glencannon Drive, Pico Rivera, Calif.

LETTERS FROM READERS

As I am a great-grandson of Rev. John Holcomb, I would like to express my appreciation for the pictures of Rev. John Holcomb and of Jo Holcomb that appeared in your January FLASHBACK.

May I make some additional comments, with reference to the paragraph accompanying the picture of my grandfather, Jo Holcomb. Jo Holcomb married Cener Boone in Washington County. My father, their only child, (Herbert Holcomb) was born at Shiloh (later renamed Springdale). The community received its name from the Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, where Rev. John Holcomb was the pastor.

During the Civil War my grandfather, Jo Holcomb, was detailed to act as keeper of the Confederate Commissary at the town of Washington in Hempstead County. Washington was designated as the state capital after Little Rock was occupied by the Union army. Here at Washington my grandmother (formerly Cener Boone) died and was buried. Later, my grandfather married Mrs. Belle Dupree (formerly Belle Smith) who had two children by her former marriage, James and Emma Dupree. When the war ended my grandfather returned with his family to Springdale.

There were four children by my grandfather's second marriage, as you have listed -- Cener, Bruce, Jobelle, and George. I submit these additional facts to you so that the family record may be kept correct. I trust you will continue your excellent work as editor of the FLASHBACK for many years to come.

Joe L. Holcomb,
217 W.Meadow, Fayetteville, Ark.

I'm collecting information and pictures of past presidents of the Arkansas Education Association. I have been unable to find a picture or biographical data on W. L. Edminston who was president of the state teachers association in 1892. I believe he was a Washington County boy and is said to have been a graduate of the U of Arkansas. The alumni office has his name but no information about him. I am sorely in need of this material for an article in the AEA Journal. Can you help me?

(Miss) Clara B. Kennan,
1615 Battery, Little Rock, Ark.

I am a descendant of the Fly family. In traveling from Stillwell, Okla., to Fayetteville, Ark., we crossed a creek and noticed a sign on the bridge which read "Fly Creek." This aroused my curiosity. I made some inquiry and learned that there was a school house near that was named the Fly Creek School. We found the school easily. There was a group of people there, engaged in a session of Sunday School.

Now, all of this is of special interest to me for the following reason: My grandfather Fly came from Tennessee and settled for a time in Arkansas before migrating to Missouri. I do not know the exact location in Arkansas but I am wondering if Fly Creek and the Fly Creek School were named for them. If you can give me any information on this matter, I shall be most grateful.

C.E.Henderson, Cassville, Mo.

Editor Lemke wants the story about Granddad's (Jacob Yoes) stores up and down the Frisco. I'll have to do a little writing to get it all, but I have lived where he had most of his stores. Down at his farm at Moore's Rock in Crawford County interested me most. His big log house stood on a rise back a ways from the Arkansas River.

Bert C. Yoes,
3359 "G" St., Washougal, Wash.

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